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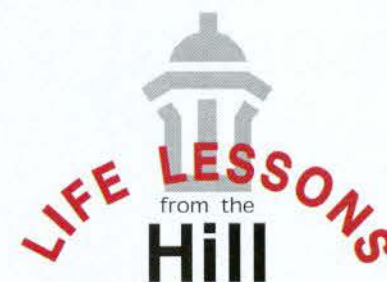


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Thank you Gretchen!

By Martha Diane Woodson Wilkerson



When a high school student makes the difficult choice of college to attend, which the student sometimes never takes into account the sacrifices that were made for the student to attend a major university like Western Kentucky University. The student will make the choice of whom to room with, which dorm or apartment to fix up and where they would like to spend most of their spare time, if any is afforded to them.

I, as a freshman at Western Kentucky University in 1974, when enrolling, registering and buying books, deciding what kind of things to purchase for school, never gave a thought, to who my professors would be, or any of the finer details of university life. I only knew I loved English and wanted to teach high school.

Having been an alumnus of Western Kentucky University for 25 years, I can reflectively say that one Professor made an impact that goes with me to my classroom in Indiana each day as I teach Head Start children. Her name is Mrs. Gretchen Bradshaw Niva.

A few weeks before I decided to relocate to Indiana and teach pre-school, I gave Gretchen Niva, a long remembered friend, now colleague, and past professor a call. At that point in my life it was a time when my career could go into many different directions. I had always taught and been a single mother of an only child, a daughter in her first year of high school. This was a difficult time to say the least. I called and met Gretchen at Barnes and Noble Bookstore, anticipating some leads on a

job in the university setting. Why not, I reasoned, I have taught young children all these years, I will go back to Western and use my talents in whatever area I can to keep my family going. Gretchen was empathetic, energetic and so very enthusiastic. She immediately wanted to know what I had done since graduating in '79 and how all of my work and family life had gone. She was genuinely interested in me as a person, just as she had been when I was her student assistant in the '70s in the English Dept. I graded quizzes, and did whatever she needed during that period of time for 25 hours a week while taking my classes. Her interest in me as a colleague and an individual was awe-inspiring as I had been looking over options for my career for a few months. Her old enthusiasm came out just as it had when she was teaching English classes, and was even more contagious as I was now a person out in the field with experience.

Her recognition and recollection of times I had spent in her office and in one of the workrooms at Cherry Hall, gave me inspiration to be like that! I have always tried to help my students. She was so much more as a teacher and professional than I could ever live up to. Her vigor and readiness for any task was a great hope. She looked over and brainstormed options that had not occurred to me, all over one cup of coffee!

I have kept in some contact with Mrs. Gretchen Niva since I relocated to Indiana. I am perseverant, caring and a more empathetic teacher of Head Start

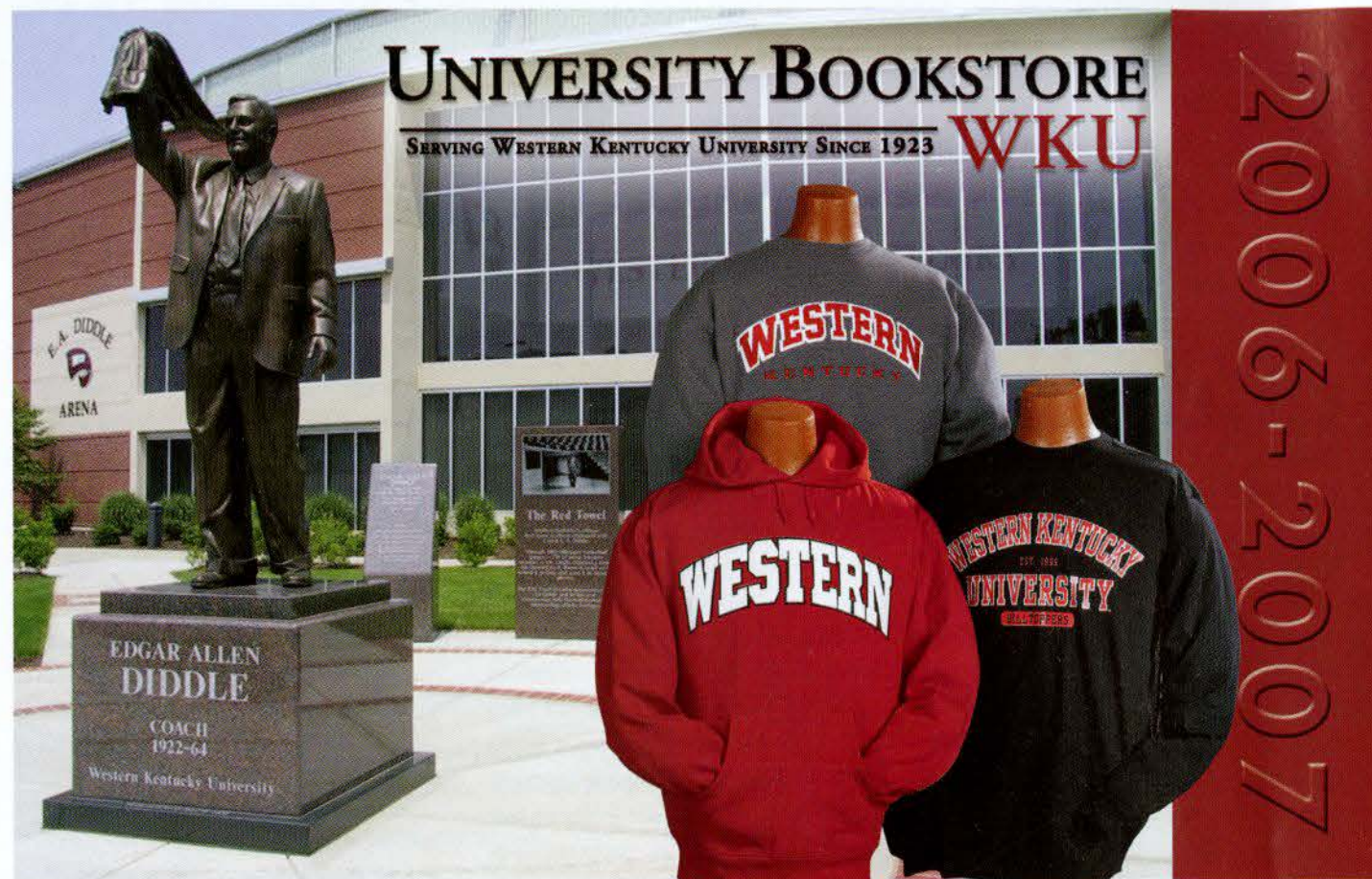
because of the many and varied positive influences that Gretchen had upon my life, that she may not have been aware of in the past, but I hope she now realizes that. Thanks and appreciation are in order for this fine past professor of English residing at that time in Cherry Hall. She graced the halls and classrooms, affecting so many students. I am quite confident that many alumni would agree. Her engaging enthusiasm will always be in the heart and mind of this writer. Thank you Gretchen!

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BIOGRAPHIES

Martha Diane Woodson Wilkerson '79 teaches Head Start in Evansville, Ind. She has taught since graduation in several areas and is now a student at USI in Evansville. She has one daughter, two sons and enjoys an active life with her husband Rod, in Newburgh, Ind.

Gretchen Brandshaw Niva retired professor of English remains an active and vital part of the Bowling Green community. She has a business which keeps her quite busy here in Bowling Green, Ky., with her husband George.



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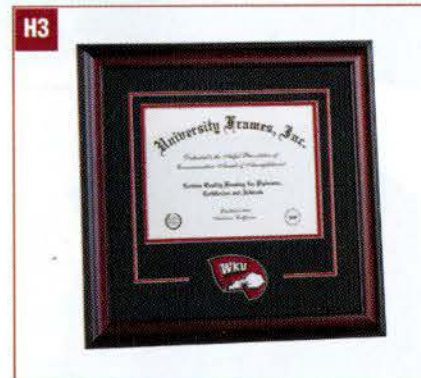
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CAMPUS NEWS



Leo Govoni

SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST COMMITTS \$750,000 FOR CLINICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX

"Excuse me. It sounds like you need money, and I have funds."

These were the first words Suzanne Vitale heard from Leo Govoni, director of the Center for Special Needs Trust Administration in Clearwater, FL. In January 2006, Vitale, a volunteer who has spearheaded the development of the Clinical Education Complex at Western Kentucky University, was attending the fourth annual International Conference on Education in Honolulu, HI. Always one to advocate for the CEC, she struck up a conversation with a fellow passenger in an elevator. Somewhere between the 24th and 14th floors, Govoni overheard the conversation, and the rest, as

they say, is history.

In August, the CEC announced a \$750,000 commitment from the Center for Special Needs Trust Administration. According to Tom Hiles, WKU's vice president for Institutional Advancement, this commitment includes \$500,000 toward the completion of the CEC and \$250,000 in support of an endowment for the Kelly Autism Program (KAP), which is housed within the CEC. "The CEC, which officially opens its doors in August, is an interdisciplinary and collaborative project that will create a comprehensive clinical setting for education and health and human services professionals," Hiles explained.

The CEC building, located at a former business complex on 14th and Adams streets, will serve as an impor-

tant extension of WKU. In addition to the Kelly Autism Program, it will house the Acquired Brain Injury Resource, the Communication Disorders Clinic, the Early Childhood Center, the Family Counseling Clinic, and the Family Resource Center.

Govoni said the CEC and the KAP directly support the Center for Special Needs Trust Administration's philanthropic objectives. "The Center provides trust services for individuals through special needs trusts," he explained. "When an individual passes on, the non-profit retains the funds. We use those funds to help organizations that provide real, grassroots services to their communities."

Govoni calls the CEC a model that can be used around the country to help young people after they are past their secondary education and their interaction with their local school systems. "I have never seen a program like this one," he said. "Once we saw how special it really was, we knew we needed to get behind it. We are truly excited to be a part of it all."

2 WKU STUDENTS WIN HEARST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two WKU students won national championships in the 46th annual Hearst Journalism Awards Program. Will DeShazer, a Louisville senior, is the third consecutive WKU student to win the Hearst National Photojournalism Championship while Brenna Gallegos, a 2006 graduate from Lexington, is the first WKU student to win the National Radio Broadcast News Championship.

WKU REGENTS APPROVE MOVE TO DIVISION I-A FOOTBALL

The Board of Regents voted Nov. 2 to make the transition from Division I-AA to I-A. The move includes a \$70 increase in the student athletic fee beginning with the fall 2007 semester.

WKU will submit paperwork to the NCAA prior to June 1, 2007, and will be considered as a reclassifying school for the 2007 and 2008 seasons. The first year WKU will be eligible to participate for the Sun Belt Conference championship and a berth in a bowl game is 2009.

"What a gigantic day in the history of WKU. Competing at the highest level of college football will enhance the quality of life on our campus and increase the national profile and prestige of our institution." Said WKU Director of Athletics Dr. Wood Selig.

He said opponents during the first transition season might include Eastern Kentucky, Florida International, Morehead State and Troy at home. Likely away games include Ball State, Chattanooga, Middle Tennessee and North Texas. Potential matchups for 2008 include road games at Indiana and Navy and home games against Florida Atlantic, Middle Tennessee and North Texas in a newly renovated L.T. Smith Stadium. A \$37.5 million renovation and expansion project for the stadium began this summer and will be completed before the 2008 season.

WKU will introduce two new ticket policies for the 2007 season. While reserved chair and Red Towel seats will continue to require a donation to the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation, numerous other general admission season



ticket sections will cost \$25. Students, will continue to be admitted free with a student ID, and will be able to purchase an unlimited number of guest tickets for \$5 each and enjoy an expanded seating allocation. The new Topper Club Level will feature 800 club seats with indoor access which

includes plasma televisions, leather sofas, food and beverages.

For information on the ticket prices and policies, contact the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation at 270-745-5321 and the WKU Athletic Ticket Office at 270-745-522 or 1-800-5-BIG-RED.



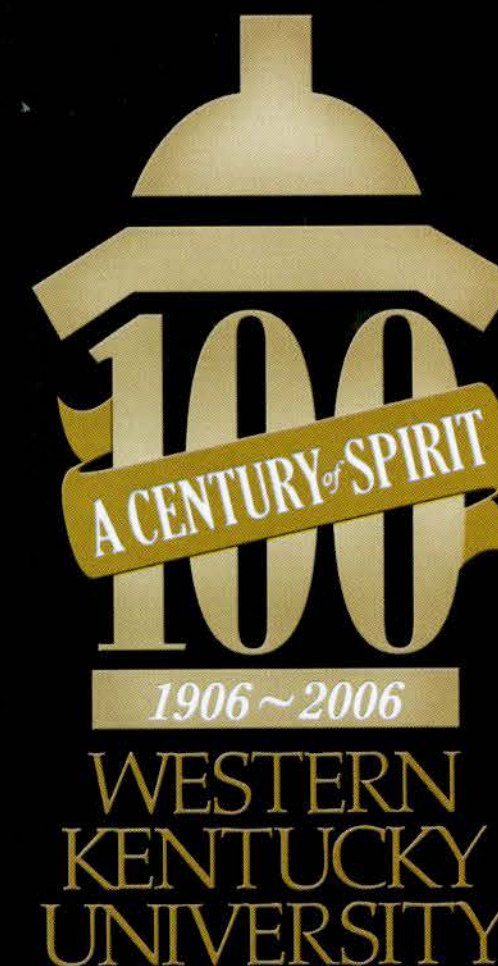
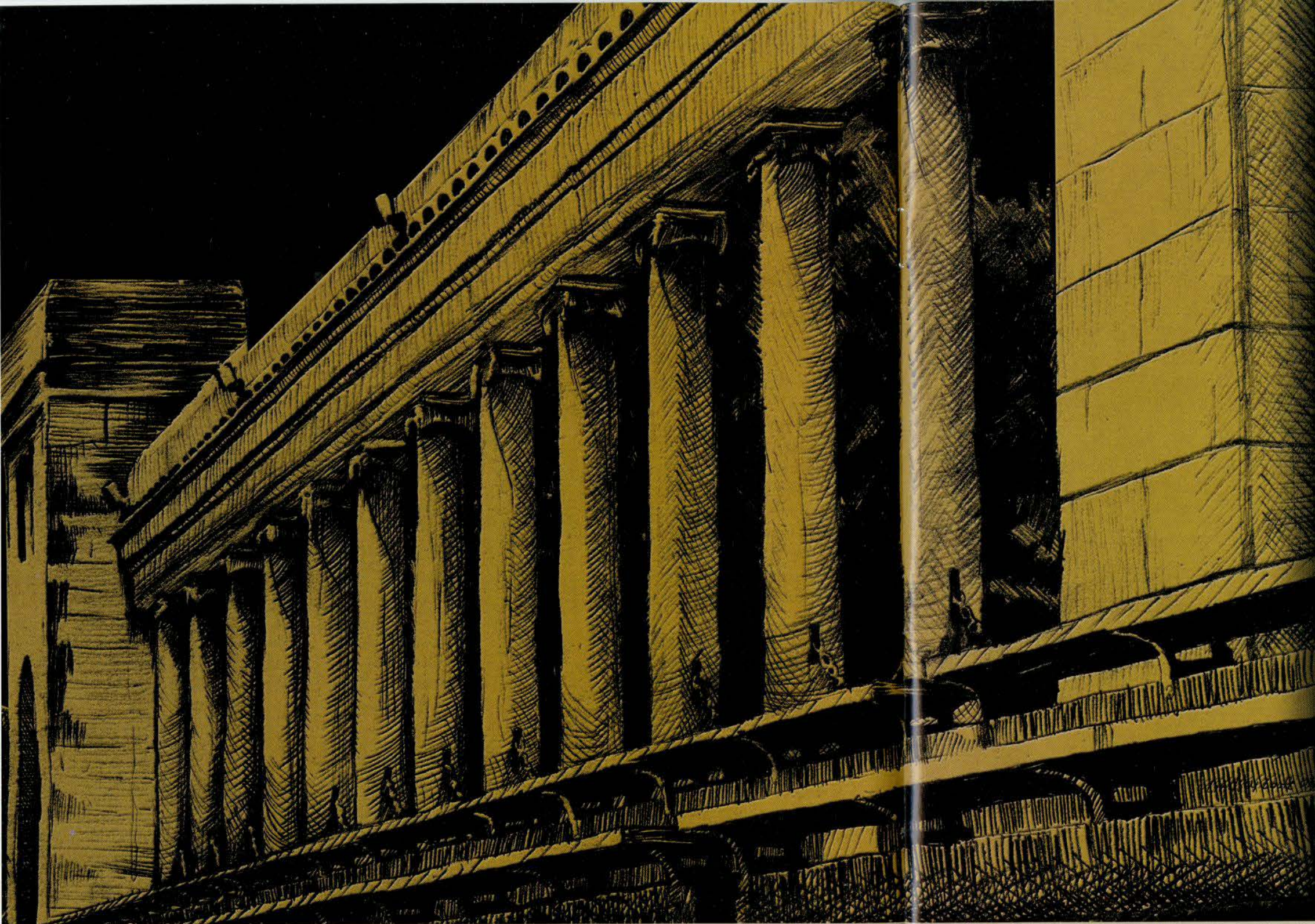


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CENTENNIAL

A CENTURY of Academics

By Sue Lynn McDaniel ('81-'83)





Generations of WKU graduates would beg to differ with one of the definitions *The American Heritage Dictionary* records for the word "academic." Since Western's creation, administrators and faculty have continually sought to educate productive members of society, thus the concept that "academic" could be defined as "having no practical purpose or use" does not apply to Western's first 100 years of academics.

Henry Hardin Cherry, his faculty, and their successors have consis-

tently understood that education is an essential tool in creating valuable citizens. Daily chapel attendance ensured exposure to topics not covered in the classroom. Western's first students practiced teaching "Model Training School" students, transfers from the first four grades of Bowling Green's city school system. Given opportunities to teach one-classroom classes at the on-campus Rural Training School and individual grades first through 12th at The Training School (in the cur-

rent Science & Technology Hall building), graduates of the four-year program earned diplomas for bachelor's degrees from Western Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College by 1926.

Throughout WKU's history, faculty have enhanced their students learning opportunities within classroom and laboratories with non-traditional educational experiences. From its earliest publications, Western's use of nearby Mammoth Cave is evident. By 1929, 38

geography and botany students completed a Rocky Mountains study excursion at a cost of \$275 for the 46 days of instruction, camping and deluxe motorbus travel. In 1969, Western's 5 year-old foreign study program expanded to form a Center for Intercultural Studies.

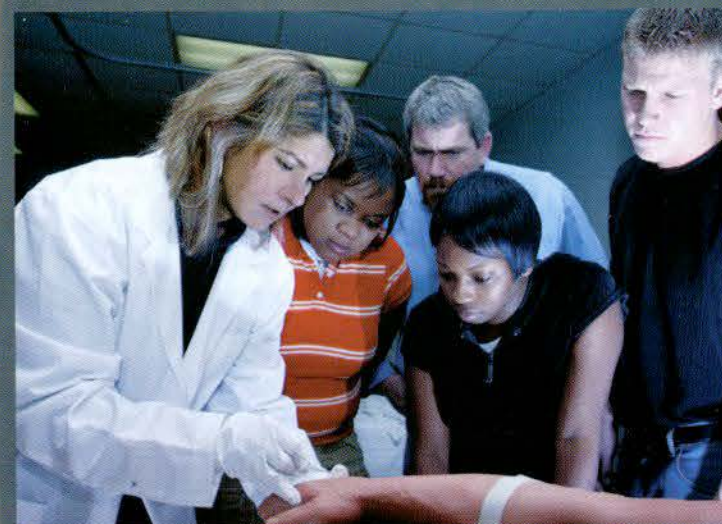
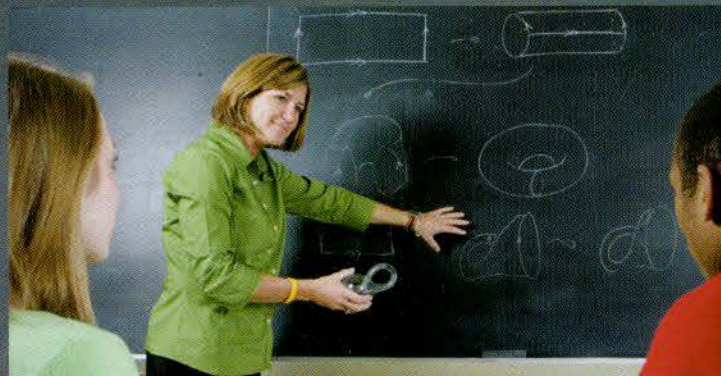
By 1928, regional newspapers informed citizens of the desire to make historical primary sources and artifacts available on campus to Western students. The completion of the Kentucky Library and

Museum in 1939 provided a laboratory for lifelong learning, a site for students to intern and work, and a unique storehouse of cultural treasures. Recognizing Western's vision, Ogden College graduate C. Perry Snell donated more than 350 works of art collected during his European travels, including a 16th century Italian copy of Leonardo da Vinci's portrait *Mona Lisa*.

Western's mission has always been to educate its students for successful life participation. Dr. Cherry

began a paper for the 1928 Kentucky General Assembly with a simple statement: "Teachers' colleges were established in order that the teachers of Kentucky might have more life to give to the children of the Commonwealth."

Cherry wrote letters of recommendation for students and faculty that not only provided academic credentials, but spoke to the individual's character. Late in his life, Dr. Kelly Thompson counseled a student that the Golden Rule was



education simply stated. The desire of WKU faculty and students to make our world a better place has motivated much of the applied research of recent years.

As part of Western's 21st century emphasis on civic engagement and service learning, the WKU Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity announced in September its first exclusive project, the "Centennial Birthday Build" which will require the chapter to raise \$50,000 for the construction of the

1,000 square foot home.

From their initial focus on educating teachers in a normal school and granting life teaching certificates, the Commonwealth and WKU have partnered throughout their common history to broaden the school's mission. Faculty trained in science, literature, history, English, mathematics, physics, geography, ancient classics, music, drawing, penmanship and expression greeted the students enrolling in January 1907. During the 1920s, faculty hires in

art, agriculture, industrial arts, economics, athletics, education, psychology, biology, chemistry, and home economics, broadened the curriculum. By 1939-40, the most popular majors were elementary education, agriculture, English, biology, home economics and history.

Over the next 15 years, Western's academic offerings did not change significantly, but Kentucky teachers gained the permanent opportunity for graduate study on the Hill (a privilege briefly offered

from 1933 to 1936). A master's degree required a minimum of 12 hours in education with a choice of minors from 15 departments. Despite the curriculum's emphasis on education, growing numbers of post-WWII students chose non-teaching programs; the 1948 legislation which dropped the word "Teachers" from Western's title confirmed the academic change. The student population was becoming increasingly diverse, including African-American students (integrat-

ed in 1956), students from all parts of Kentucky, and students from almost every state in the nation, drawn by Kentucky's low tuition. Together the students of the 1950s earned almost half Western's total number of degrees granted by 1965.

Western's curriculum broadened again with the addition of the Bowling Green College of Commerce. Formerly a private school referred to as "the Harvard of the South" for its 60-year tradition of producing business leaders

and outstanding commercial school teachers. By the 1960s, the Bowling Green College of Commerce struggled to attract the diverse student body from across the country and Cuba that it had long been known for educating. A cooperative program which allowed students to take courses at both Western and the BU failed to remedy the problems brought on by stricter business college accreditation standards and the increased business offerings of state-supported schools. After

As Western's academic mission broadened, so did its name:

Western Kentucky State Normal School	1906 - 22
Western Kentucky State Normal School & Teachers College	1922 - 30
Western Kentucky State Teachers College	1930 - 48
Western Kentucky State College	1948 - 66
Western Kentucky University	1966 to present

lengthy negotiations, Western added the program, organizing business-government and economics-sociology departments, hiring nine members of the BU faculty and using the College Street property for the 1963-64 school year.

Western then organized its Graduate College, the Bowling Green College of Commerce, the College of Education, the Ogden College of Science and Technology and the Potter College of Liberal Arts. Having increased its full-time faculty by 323 percent and its student enrollment by 396 percent in the 10 years prior to 1966, Western Kentucky University offered five major undergraduate curricular areas, including Teacher Education, professional and pre-professional programs. In 1964, superior students, in addition to their participation in honor societies, were offered an honors program with opportunities to discuss, role-play, and struggle with difficult concepts presented in their classes. Since 1972, the Fulbright Scholars Program awards undergraduate students scholarships to study abroad.

In the years since WKU achieved university status, it has increasingly sought to broaden its mission. Since the first on-campus computer

(1967), administrators and educators have utilized cutting edge technology to enhance academic experiences. By the 1980s, professors taught two classrooms (one on the Bowling Green campus and one at a regional campus location) simultaneously with both groups participating in class discussion through classrooms

“to prepare our students for fulfilled lives of leadership, service, and accomplishment in a global society.”
— 2005 WKU academic quality report

equipped for telecommunications. While continuing to add primary source materials at the Kentucky Library and Museum to collections begun more than 80 years ago, our University Libraries have new applications of technology to keep pace with ever-expanding research needs. From the 1976 microfiche copies of the card catalog to early use of library software applications for automating access, and participation in the formation of Kentucky Virtual Library, library faculty have enhanced resources for an increasingly demanding community of users.

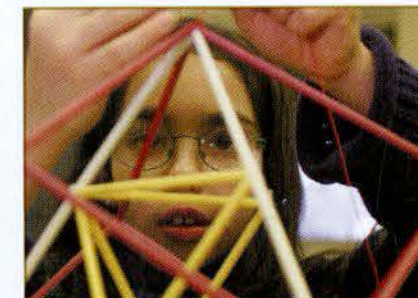
In 2003, the Board of Regents approved a quality enhancement plan with increased tuition dollars devoted to academic quality and student

success. Utilizing study abroad, service learning, civic engagement, and applied research, students are challenged to understand the relationship between their studies and the “real world” context in our global society. Located in the Downing University Center, the new Student Success Center offers academic advising, career counseling, and student disability services. In 2005/06 academic year, over 3,600 students received degrees. Retention and graduation rates continue to climb in the 21st century. Publications, such as *Above the Rim* (2000) and *Doers and Deeds* (2003 to present), seek to keep the University community informed about the ever increasing

number and significance of the accomplishments of WKU faculty, students and graduates. As the 2005 report *Academic Quality at Western Kentucky University* states, the goal is “to prepare our students for fulfilled lives of leadership, service, and accomplishment in a global society.” Certainly the current academic efforts echo President Cherry’s 1931 definition: “A college represents the achievements of all of the known and unknown people who ... have interpreted its spirit in useful lives.”

The author expresses her appreciation to Dr. Lowell H. Harrison for his comprehensive look at the first 80 years of academics in his book, Western Kentucky University.

A Quarter of a Century for The Center for Gifted Studies



As Western celebrates its Centennial, The Center for Gifted Studies celebrates its silver anniversary; The Center has provided services for gifted and talented young people, their educators, and their parents for a quarter of a century.

What does this mean? Participants have come from every county in Kentucky, 49 states, and 22 countries! Over 14,000 children have participated in our minds-on enrichment opportunity Super Saturdays. For 24 summers, over 3,900 middle-schoolers have spent two weeks at the Summer Camp for Academically Talented Middle School Students (SCATS). The Summer Program for Verbally and Mathematically Precocious Youth (VAMPY), the Duke Talent Identification Program’s oldest joint venture, has brought over 3,000 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th graders to

Western for three weeks over 23 summers. These young people have had opportunities to learn with age-mates who share interests.

We have trained thousands of educators to better meet the needs of the gifted whether that be through the Advanced Placement Summer Institute, Vertical Team Training, Leadership Institute, Administrators’ Institute, or any of the hundreds of professional development opportunities provided.

The Center has many friends who share the mission. Through them, The Center can provide financial assistance to children who could not otherwise attend our programs. Dr. Julia Roberts, director of The Center, is the Mahurin Professor of Gifted Studies – one of the only endowed gifted professorships in the country! The Berta Fund for

Excellence brings in a specialist each fall to discuss the social-emotional needs of the gifted. The Mahurins, Bertas, and hundreds of others make The Center possible. The needs are great; we’re always seeking additional gifts to support young people.

In our twenty-five years, The Center has received federal and state grants; published numerous articles, chapters, and books; and presented at hundreds of state, national, and international conferences. But the heart of our mission parallels Western’s: it’s all about meeting people’s needs. The Center for Gifted Studies is a leading American center with international reach.

Come to our website, www.wku.edu/gifted, to learn about opportunities to get involved with The Center.

100 *Hours of*

Life on the Hill

September 6 - 10, 2006

In 100 hours, around the clock, 43 photographers produced 1,227 images of the day-to-day life at WKU. To celebrate the WKU's centennial, the photojournalism faculty and students decided to capture – in 100 hours – the life and times of Western Kentucky University at this historic moment.

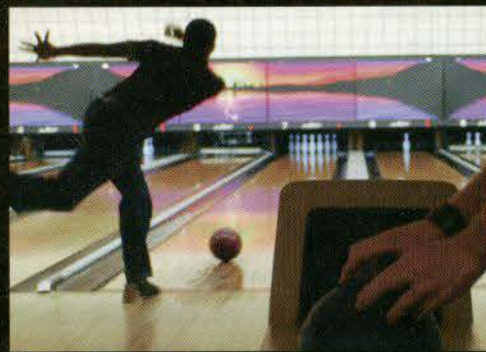
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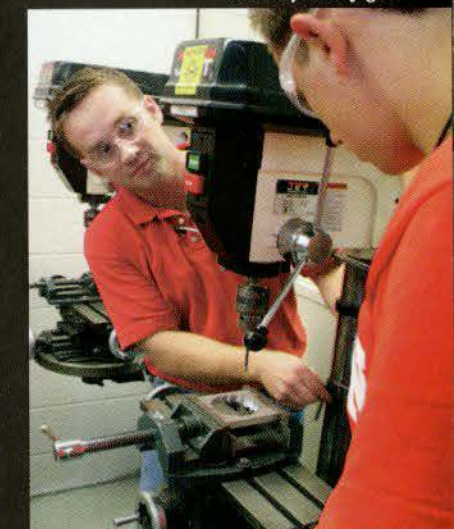
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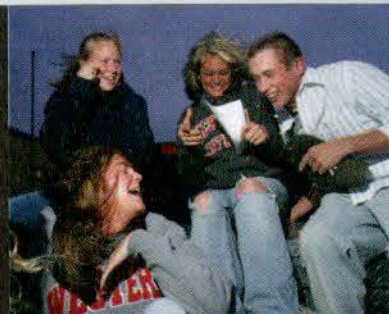
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A CENTURY^{of} Campus Planning

By Tommy Newton ('84)

Ever since Henry Hardin Cherry moved his fledgling normal school from downtown Bowling Green to Vinegar Hill, the growth of the campus has been guided by long-range master plans.

In the past 100 years, WKU has been shaped by its location on the Hill and by its spread southward down the Hill. The picturesque campus has experienced several building booms as the school's enrollment grew and its academic programs evolved.

The campus master plans have provided direction for that growth and for the vision of the various Hill builders — such as Presidents Cherry, Kelly Thompson and Gary Ransdell; architects like Brinton B. Davis and Henry Wright; and physical plant/facilities administrators like

Owen Lawson, Kemble Johnson, John Osborne and Doug Ault.

The master plan has always looked to the future as Western provides facilities for academic programs, student life, health and recreation, and athletics. The plans have changed through the years. New buildings have been constructed. Proposed buildings or facilities didn't materialize. Other buildings have been razed to make way for progress.

One thing hasn't changed since the first master plan was drawn in 1909 and that's the goal of maintaining the Hill's natural beauty and of providing educational opportunities for students. Even the plans that are guiding development today will be revamped and refined tomorrow, but they will maintain the spirit, the character and the vision of the Hill.

A 1912 publication of Normal Heights that showed a map of the hilltop campus noted: "The management of Western Normal Teachers College has tried to look ahead for a few hundred years and has earnestly attempted to make a beginning that will permit of future development."

In 1966, President Kelly Thompson presented an updated master plan to regents and said: "The physical development of Western Kentucky State College was conceived, and has continued to be implemented within the framework of the basic purposes and long objectives of the College."

In 2004, President Gary Ransdell described the physical transformation that began in 1998: "We will not forsake our primary

responsibility to support our faculty and students with Kentucky's best academic programs, but we will not further defer the necessary maintenance of our facilities and the new life which must be breathed into this place we call Western."

As the Centennial concludes,

several projects are under way or in the planning stages — a renovated and redesigned Smith Stadium, a Student Publications building, a student health clinic, new buildings and facilities for the science, education and business colleges, and renovations of historic Van Meter Hall.

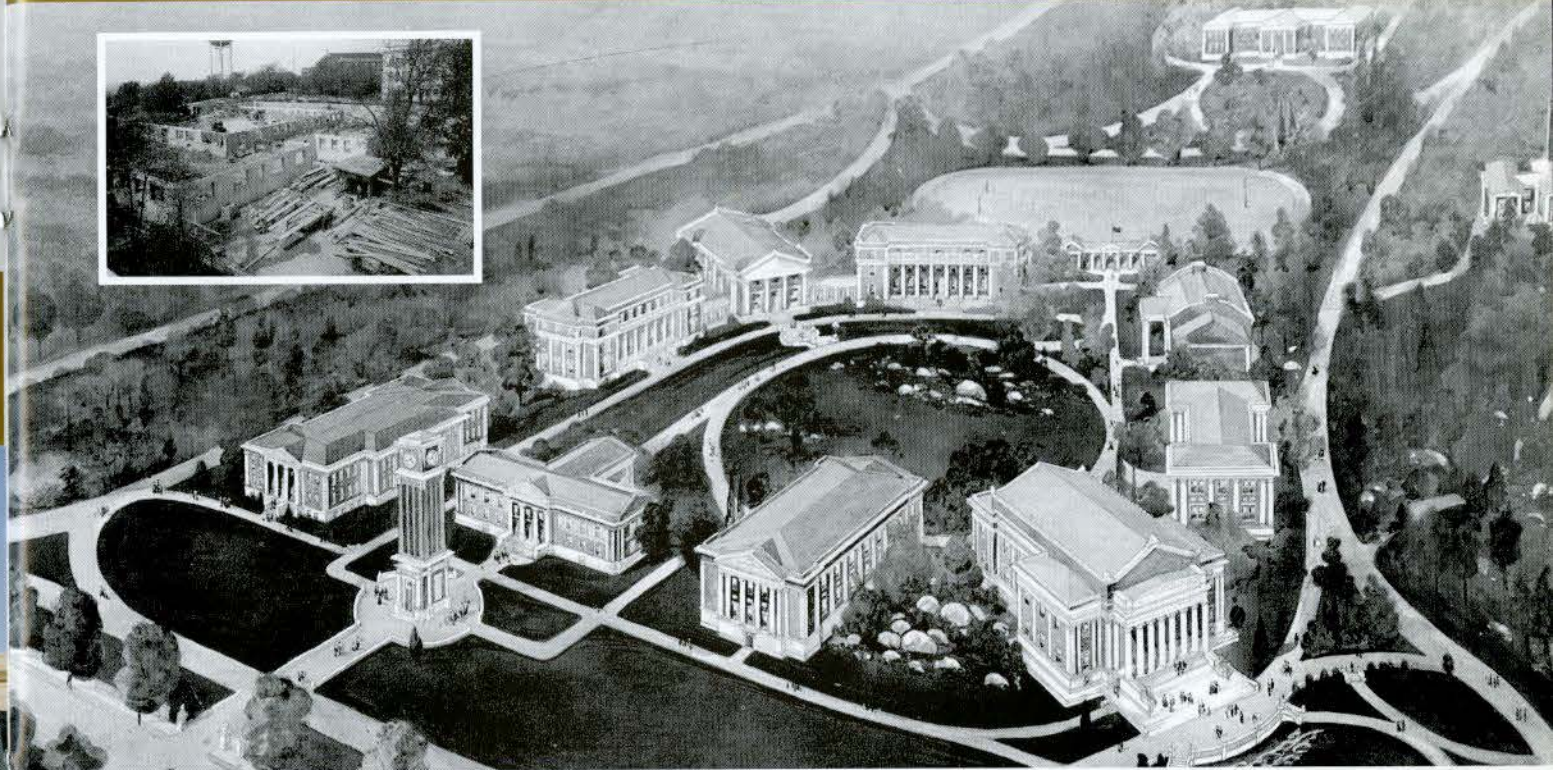
In the next several pages, you will view maps of various master plans and see how the plans and the campus changed over the past century. You will also see pictures from each era and read descriptions compiled from documents at University Archives.

Planning for the Future



1910-1912 Plan

— President Henry Hardin Cherry



A 1909 plan by landscape architect Henry Wright shows nine buildings at the top of the Hill — Van Meter, Manual Training Building, gymnasium, boys boarding house, Culinary Department, girls boarding house, Model Training School, Science Hall and Library. Other buildings are a residence for the superintendent of grounds, athletic field, Agricultural Experimental Station, and the lighting, heating and power plant.

In a proposed campus development map by architects D.X. Murphy and Brother, the facilities shown are Chapel and Administration Building (Van Meter), Potter Hall, gymnasium, health, social and religious buildings, science building, library, manual arts building, school hospital, boys boarding hall, the lighting, heating and

power plant, athletic field, and a clock and water tower.

By the 1920s, the campus began to take shape as Western and Ogden College merged and as several new buildings were constructed, including what are now Gordon Wilson Hall, Florence Schneider Hall, Faculty House, Snell Hall and Industrial Education Building. The Great Depression ended the rapid building program in the 1930s with Cherry Hall and the Kentucky Building completed.

"Many state educational institutions in this country, after having expended thousands of dollars in the development of a plant, have been forced to purchase a new site and begin over in order to avoid a crowded and unsanitary condition and to have room for the growing

needs of the institution. ... The management of Western Normal Teachers College has tried to look ahead for a few hundred years and has earnestly attempted to make a beginning that will permit of future development. After securing one of the most beautiful sites in America for a great institution, expert building and landscape architects were employed to work with the school in laying out a plant for the future. ... The Regents submit the completion of this patriotic enterprise to the people of the Commonwealth, fully realizing that it will take time to finish it, but, at the same time, entertaining the hope that the future will witness its completion." — State Normal Bulletin, February 1912.

1966 Master Plan

— President Kelly Thompson

The earliest master plans had guided the general development of the campus, but by the early 1960s, Western was coping with a 160 percent increase in enrollment. The school's goal was an enrollment of 4,300 by 1970 but the figure had reached 4,797 by 1961.

In the early 1960s, five new buildings had been completed or started in two years: Thompson science building, two men's residence halls, one women's residence hall and an academic-athletic building. WKU also renovated or expanded existing buildings, including adding a bookstore to Cherry Hall, building a baseball field and football practice field, and renovating Potter Hall, Music Hall, Home Economics Building and Snell Hall. *The Courier-Journal* reported on May 6, 1962: "Actually the most amazing thing about the building situation at

Western is the fact that the college has been able to handle its great increase in enrollment with the addition of only one new academic structure."

That was about to change as Western's growth matched its elevation to university status. Twenty-one new buildings were constructed between 1955 and 1965. Highways around campus were rebuilt or realigned.

The master plan approved in 1966 would help Western deal with a doubling enrollment within 10 years. By 1966, enrollment had already increased to 7,824. The plan called for a fine arts center at the site of the old football stadium and for a new football stadium and athletic complex along Russellville Road. Other plans were for an administration building, two office towers, enlarged library, improved

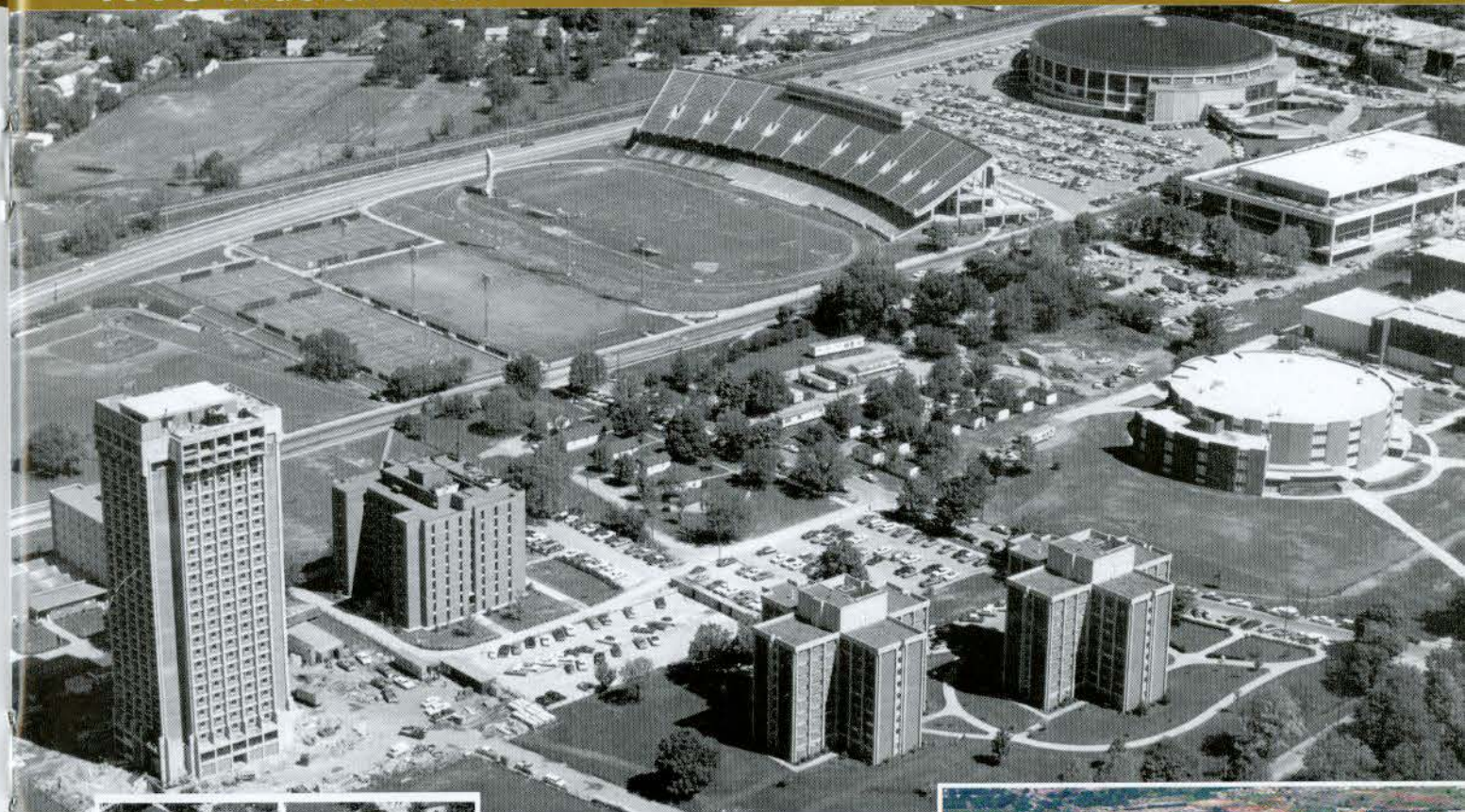
alumni center/foundation building, renewal of the Ogden campus with Thompson science hall, and new residence halls. The Commerce-Education Building (now Grise Hall) opened on Feb. 1, 1966.

"Western's enrollment in the future knows no bounds provided faculty, facilities and incentives are made available. We are working toward a reasonable plan that we and our successors can live with through the years to develop the college to its fullest potential with one objective in mind – to provide the finest educational opportunities for the young people of this state which they rightfully deserve if they are going to be able to make the contributions to society they should in the years that lie ahead." – President Kelly Thompson, 1965



1975 Master Plan

— President Dero Downing



In late 1972, President Dero Downing announced that it was time to review, refine, revise and update the master plan. Since the campus master plan was adopted in 1966, about \$50 million in construction and renovation has been accomplished on campus and 19 buildings opened between 1966 and 1973. In October 1973, the Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center opened. By December, work on the environmental sciences building was well under way.

In a Dec. 21 story in the *Daily News*, Owen Lawson, physical plant administrator, says the current emphasis on the development of the long-range land-use master plan is not in new buildings. Rather, the university is concentrating on the "refinement" stage, or beautification of the campus, according to Lawson.

The revised master plan envisioned 10 new buildings on campus with space for new classroom buildings, residence halls and athletic facilities. The university would maintain a buffer zone and purchase land along the outlying area of campus as it became available.

The master plan "calls for protection and preservation of these areas contiguous to the existing



campus, selected acquisitions of adjacent parcels of land as they become available and the integration of these parcels into the Master Plan in a manner designed to enrich and strengthen the physical plan of the University." – President Dero Downing

1990 Master Plan

— President Thomas Meredith

When Dr. Meredith became Western's eighth president, work began to update the master plan once again as the University faced a decision on where to locate three new residence halls and a student health and activities center. This new plan, anticipated to guide development for 25 years, also addressed traffic flow through and around cam-

pus and introduced the concept of a trolley system and shuttle service.

"I think what we propose will greatly enhance traffic patterns around campus," Meredith said.

The revised plan called for a new library tower next to Cravens Graduate Center with Helm Library converted to classrooms and offices; Science and Technology Hall

would be razed and a new building constructed; additions were planned for the Kentucky Building and Academic Complex.

"The money will dictate what we're going to do." — Dr. Tom Meredith in *Daily News* report, Jan. 25, 1990.



Present Master Plan

— President Gary Ransdell

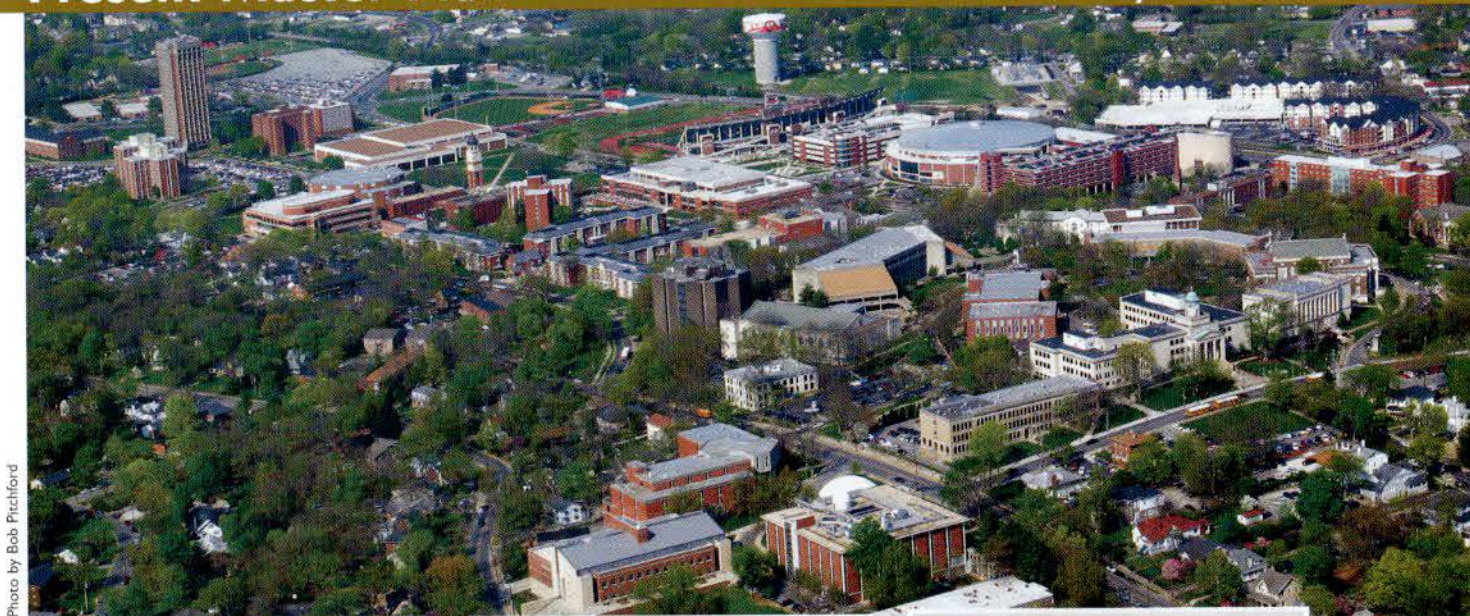


Photo by Bob Pritchford



When Gary Ransdell returned to WKU as the school's ninth president, he found a campus suffering from disrepair and deterioration. He sat forth on the task of rebuilding and transforming the campus to restore the physical character and to respond to increases in enrollment not seen since the 1960s building boom.

The master plan revisions included a more pedestrian-friendly campus, new academic buildings, residence hall renovations, new parking capacities and upgraded student life facilities.

Between 1998 and 2006, more than \$291 million in capital projects had been completed or were under-way. Another \$250 million in proj-

ects are planned or are awaiting state approvals and funding. The first new academic buildings since 1973 — Mass Media and Technology Hall and the Complex for Engineering and Biological Sciences — have been built. Athletic facilities, including Diddle Arena, have been renovated. Residence halls and campus dining facilities have been renovated. The Downing University Center has been renovated and expanded to include a student success center. Renovations and new buildings are planned for science, education and business colleges. Other academic buildings have been improved. Academically talented high school students will soon be enrolled in the Academy for Mathematics and

Science in Kentucky and living in the renovated Florence Schneider Hall. The Guthrie Tower is a new campus landmark. The Van Meter overlook, a picturesque feature since the facility opened in 1911, has been rebuilt.

"We have to lead by example by providing a high quality of campus life and a living environment which exudes cleanliness, orderliness, and aesthetic value. Pride in a university starts with being part of a place in which you can be proud. The Western Spirit is and always has been largely about the wonderful place we call the Western campus." — President Gary Ransdell, *Alumni Magazine*, Fall 2004

A CENTURY *of* Gifts



100 Gifts WKU Gave the World

Throughout our 100 years of history, Western Kentucky University faculty, staff, students and alumni of this great institution have been engaged in work that has shaped the world around us. The life's work from members of the WKU family has impacted nearly every facet of society, and as fellow Hilltoppers, we take great pride in the multitude of gifts WKU has given the world.

It's a formidable task to select the most significant contributions WKU has made to the world. These gifts may amaze you, and you may have many suggestions of your own. This is the final of four magazine issues that contain this special feature. We hope you enjoy reading about fellow members of your WKU family as we sample the final segment of 100 GIFTS WKU GAVE THE WORLD!

To share your special memories of Western's first 100 years, send an email to alumni@wku.edu or drop a note to WKU SPIRIT Editor, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #31016, Bowling Green, KY 42101-1016.

Government, Politics & Military Services

Armed Forces Generals

WKU has produced eight generals in the United States Armed Forces who have served and protected our country and trained thousands of others to defend our freedom.



Void Detection Robot

WKU Electrical Engineering students designed a Void Detection Robot that will be used by US Customs and Border Patrol. The robot, an all-terrain vehicle operated via a laptop computer, carries a microgravity meter to locate underground voids, sinkholes, caves or, in the case of the U.S.-Mexico border, clandestine tunnels.

Marshall Plan

The post World War II Marshall Plan, officially the European Recovery Program (ERP), was implemented and executed in London, England, and Paris, France, by Attaché to the American Ambassador, Malcolm Crawford ('44).

Arts, Media, & Entertainment

Pianist Beegie Adair

Beegie Adair ('58) has accompanied legendary performers such as Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton and Chet Atkins on the piano. Adair also worked with such entertainers as Neil Diamond, Mama Cass Elliot and Peggy Lee in her position as in-house pianist for "The Johnny Cash Show" for ABC-TV plus other television programs featuring Lucille Ball, Carol Burnett and Dinah Shore.



Chess Records

Chess Records, one of the most influential record labels during the heyday of Motown, was established by brothers Leonard and Philip Chess. Philip attended WKU on a football scholarship.

Lex Luthor

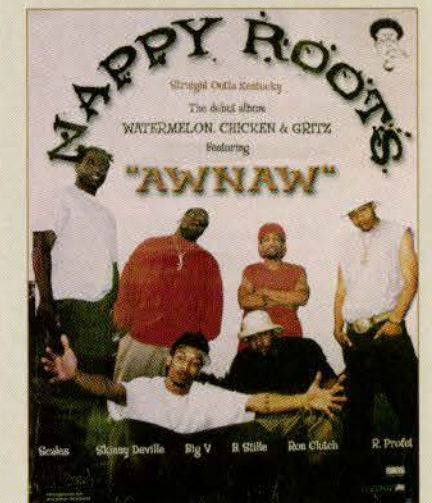
Lex Luthor on the television series "Smallville" has entertained millions, but his roots come from the Hill. Michael Rosenbaum ('94) plays Luthor and has also appeared



in movies, including "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil", "Urban Legend", and "Sorority Boys".

Nappy Roots

Nappy Roots is a Southern hip-hop group formed by several former WKU students who gave hip-hop a No. 1 selling group and a Platinum record when they produced their first major label album, Watermelon, Chicken and Gritz.



Science, Engineering, & Research



Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky

The Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky will open in Fall 2007 with 120 of the brightest high school juniors and seniors from across the state joining together at WKU. They will earn 60 college credits while also obtaining a high school diploma.

The Cook Book

"The Cook Book," written by Dr. Thomas B. Cook ('47), has been a major source for information on the effects of high altitude on atomic bombs for years.

Southern Forages

"Southern Forages," is a book on the forage-live-stock industry co-authored by Dr. Garry Lacefield ('70) and Dr. Don Ball ('68). Lacefield and Ball are world-renowned agronomists.

Nursing Education

Nursing Professor Beverly Siegrist was among the first in the U.S. to earn national certification in

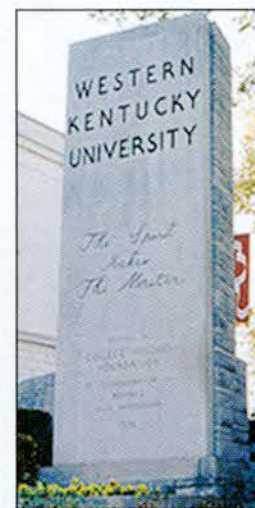
nursing education from the National League for Nursing.

Institute for Combustion Science and Environmental Technology

WKU's Institute for Combustion Science and Environmental Technology is playing a key role in the state and nation's energy future.



Business, Society, & Civic Engagement



The Western Spirit

"That other thing," as Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry called it, is the Western Spirit. Dr. Cherry said there was something else that made people successful besides training and talent. It was "that other thing," that largely determined every human endeavor.

\$178.8 Million Impact

WKU students, faculty and staff had an estimated \$178.8 million economic impact in the Bowling Green-Warren County area last year, according to a survey conducted by WKU economics and marketing departments.

Fastest Growing Kentucky Public University

WKU is the fastest growing Kentucky public university and has students from 45 states, two U.S. territories and 70 foreign countries.

WKU National Prominence

Top 25 Public Universities-Master's

WKU is a first tier university and ranked 16th in the Top 25 Public Universities-Master's (South) in the US News and World Report America's Best Colleges 2006 Edition.

NCAA Cross Country and Track Titles

Two NCAA Cross Country titles and one Outdoor Track Title have been produced by WKU athletes Sean Dollman ('92) and Nick Rose ('76).



1st Lighted College Stadium

With the first glitter of light out of the newly installed colonnade lights, WKU's field became the 1st college stadium to be lighted with the new post-war lighting specifications in 1946.



NFL Coaches

WKU has produced several leaders in the professional football ranks, including four National Football League head coaches, Romeo Crennel ('69, Cleveland Browns), Jerry Glanville ('68, Houston Oilers, Atlanta Falcons), Joe Bugel ('64, '65, Oakland Raiders and Arizona Cardinals) and Tommy Prothro (WKU assistant coach, Los Angeles Rams, San Diego Chargers). Eagle "Buddy" Keys ('48) spent 16 years as a head coach in the Canadian Football League. Darryl Drake ('80, '84) and Dale Lindsey ('64) have spent several years as assistant coaches in the NFL.



NCAA Basketball Final Fours

WKU has been represented in four NCAA Basketball Final Fours, three by the Lady Toppers and one by the Toppers.

Education & Social Sciences

College and University Presidents

From its beginnings as a teacher's college, WKU has built a tradition of developing leaders for higher education. WKU has produced 17 college or university presidents or chancellors.

Center for Gifted Studies

The Center for Gifted Studies at WKU is unique in the Commonwealth and the nation. Summer programming for middle and high school gifted students has been offered for approximately 425 students each summer since 1982.



President of KEA

WKU produced the first African American president of the Kentucky Education Association, Marnel Clay Moorman ('65).

Watercolor and Oil Paintings

The local community was documented for the world to see through hundreds of watercolor and oil paintings by longtime WKU Art Department head, Ivan Wilson. In 1973 the university dedicated the Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center in his name.

Public Speaking and Literary Skills

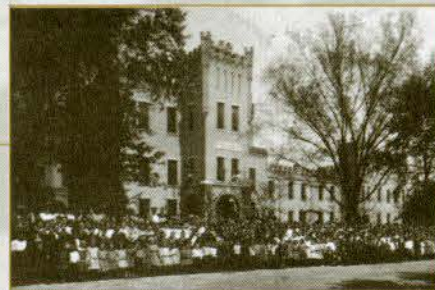
The head of WKU's Department of English for 32 years, Dr. Gordon Wilson, Sr. ('11) once estimated that he taught 36,000 students. In addition to being a noted teacher, he was also a linguist, folklorist, author, ornithologist, gifted public speaker and newspaper columnist. His weekly column "Tid Bits of Kentucky Folklore" appeared in about 100 state newspapers. He was also a founder of the Kentucky Ornithological Society and published works on ornithology included "Birds of the Mammoth Cave National Park" and "Birds of South Central Kentucky." In 1969, Western named the former library building Gordon Wilson Hall.

Centennial Timeline

By
Lynn Niedermeier
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Part of the Kentucky Museum exhibit
"Western 100."



Henry Hardin Cherry (1864-1937) became President of the Western Kentucky State Normal School in 1906 and served until his death.



Inheriting the property and students of the Southern Normal School, the Western Kentucky State Normal School opened in a large building on College Street between 11th and 12th Streets. On April 13, 1907, students and faculty (including the pupils of the Model Training School) assembled for this photograph.



Students of the Southern Normal School were allowed to complete their programs of study after the school was rechartered as the Western Kentucky State Normal School. These are believed to be the graduates of the Classic Class of 1907 with Professor John M. Guilliams, center. (Cayce & Co.)



Frisbie Hall was located on Center Street between 11th and 12th Streets. The "Home for the young women of the Normal" boasted hot and cold baths, steam heat and electric lights.



After Western acquired the Hill, Gov. Augustus E. Willson participated in cornerstone-laying ceremonies for the Administration Building (now Van Meter Hall) on Feb. 16, 1910.



In fall 1910, construction on the Administration Building was proceeding slowly to the great consternation of President Cherry. The building was barely ready in time for Western's move to the Hill. (S. G. Rogers)

1906



Young men of the 1920 senior class at the Van Meter (now Guthrie) overlook. (Hurd Studio)



The "Red Barn" was constructed in 1920 as a temporary gymnasium. Its lack of heat and seating capacity prompted Western to move basketball games to the Training School (now Science & Technology Hall) after its completion in 1925. In 1931, the Health and Physical Education Building (now Helm Library) finally replaced the "Red Barn."



In fall 1918, Western began offering military training under an arrangement with the War Department. Officers of the Students' Army Training Corps posed in front of barracks erected on the east side of Recitation Hall.



Members of the senior class appeared in the *Vista*, the 1915 yearbook of the Western Kentucky State Normal School. Western did not issue another yearbook until the *Talisman* appeared in 1924.



The first seal of the Western Kentucky State Normal School appeared in 1911. Designed by Mrs. Julia Franklin Howard, the seal included the motto "Life More Life," based on John 10:10. President Cherry's belief in the importance of attitude and motivation in achieving success inspired its other motto, "The Spirit Makes the Master."



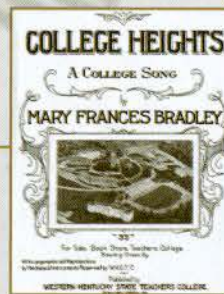
On Feb. 4, 1911, the Western Kentucky State Normal School moved to its new campus on the Hill. "The student-body," reported the *Normal Bulletin*, "laden with school paraphernalia, formed a line of march, and when the advance guard had reached the summit of the hill, the rear guard was yet emerging from the old building."

1920

1923



E.A. Diddle earned his first collegiate basketball victory as coach of the 1923 women's team. (L-R) Matilda Davis, Gladys Knott, Louise Monin (Diddle's future wife), Irene Caldwell, Elizabeth Wyatt, Julia Warner, Bernadine Connolly, Alma Davis, Frances Samuels, Beulah Snider (captain), Coach Diddle.



In 1924, freshman Mary Frances Bradley and members of her English class were asked to compose poems about Western. Set to music by her father, Miss Bradley's poem became "College Heights," Western's alma mater.



Western held its first formal Homecoming in 1927. The events of Nov. 5 included an open house, luncheon and football game against the University of Louisville (Western won 7-6). After the game, a banquet and dance honored both teams.



Upon its merger with Ogden College in 1927, Western gained the use of Ogden's campus on the east side of the Hill. Ogden Hall (foreground), built in 1870 as a private residence, was razed in 1966 to make way for the Thompson Science Complex. Snell Hall (in back) was completed in 1924 and demolished in 2005.



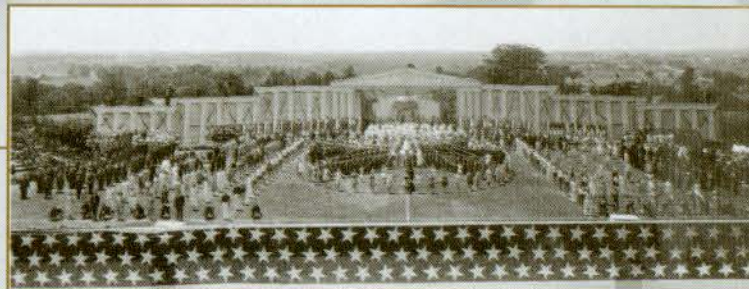
A group of Western co-eds enjoyed rollerskating near Van Meter Hall, about 1927. (Herman Lowe)



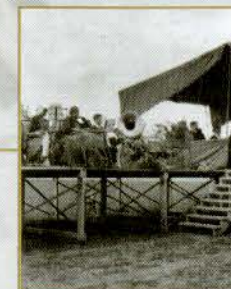
Ted Hornback remembered 1926-27 as the season the basketball team was promised these new jerseys if they defeated Vanderbilt. The "Hilltopper" nickname itself is thought to have been in use by 1925-26.



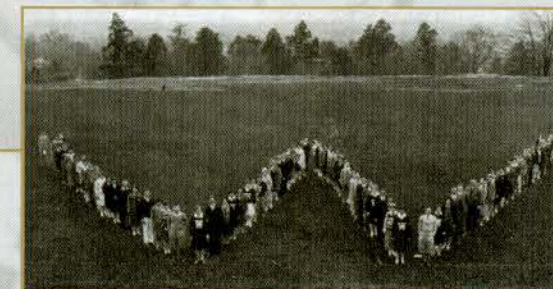
In 1931, the College Heights Foundation was headquartered in this small building between Recitation Hall and the Training School. The structure was originally built as a sorority house for Potter College for Young Ladies. (Eugene Franklin)



As part of its 25th anniversary celebrations, Western staged a "Pageant of Progress" on June 1-3, 1931. The grand finale featured the "Spirit of Education" at the hub of a "Wheel of Progress." With fireworks bursting overhead, the wheel revolved to the band's rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner."



At the May 29, 1930 commencement exercises, the featured speaker was Dr. Robert Maynard Hutchins of the University of Chicago.



The 1929 Talisman featured the WaKaTaCa Club, the first pep club organized on the Hill.



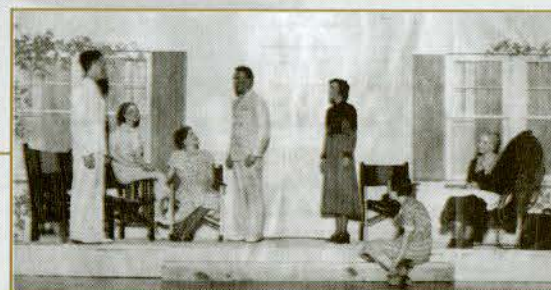
Students perched on the bleachers of the old stadium, about 1928. The nickname-strewn identifications on the photo are: (L-R, top row) Randolph Baker, Teddy Hornback, Bobbie Copeland, "Brother Boy" Haines, Hilda May. (L-R, bottom row) "Dago" Lamb, "Patsy," "Sleepy" Reynolds, Irene Daugherty, (Jim) "Ick" Weaver.



Student "weed-choppers" assembled with President Henry Hardin Cherry on campus Clean-Up Day, about 1932.



At the 1933 Homecoming game, a pony and rider pulled the drum for Western's marching band.



"Miss Lulu Bett," presented in fall 1934, was the first production of the Western Players.



William P. Bass, Jr., a 1935 graduate, made this drawing of the planned new Classroom and Laboratory Building (Henry Hardin Cherry Hall), completed in 1937.



The 1936 Red and Grey Orchestra. Organized in 1933, this group of Western musicians played for campus events as well as for school and club dances in Kentucky and Tennessee.



Paul Loos Garrett (1893-1955) became Western's second president following the death of Henry Hardin Cherry in 1937.

1933

1937



The Henry Hardin Cherry Statue was officially unveiled on Nov. 16, 1937, a cold and rainy day. His widow found the setting appropriate: "Mr. Cherry's life was lived in a storm and his statue was unveiled in a storm."



During High School Senior Day in 1941, students staged comical tumbling demonstrations to entertain potential enrollees.



After the Hilltoppers were narrowly defeated by West Virginia on March 25, 1942 in the finals of the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden, Bowling Green welcomed them home with a parade and rally at the courthouse.



Football fans crowd the Stadium and Colonnade, 1942.



For 15 months beginning in April 1943, Western opened its dorms and classrooms to members of the 321st College Training Detachment. The cadets also took flight instruction at the local airport.



In 1944, Coach E.A. Diddle recruited the Cook twins, Anna Jo (left) and Betty Jo (right) for Western's cheerleading team.



After Western was integrated in 1956, white and black students studied together in the Thompson Complex Science Library.



In the early morning hours of February 12, 1956, following Murray State College's basketball win over the Hilltoppers, vandals smeared the Cherry Statue with green and white paint. Officials of both schools condemned the "wanton desecration."



Western's first football All-American, quarterback Jimmy Feix (1949-52) was the Hilltoppers' head football coach from 1968-83.



Students Bill Griffin, Bill Ford and Buster Horton, 1952. Located at 1505 Center Street, the Hilltoppers Lunch was a favorite student hangout from the mid-1940s to the late 1960s.



The Hilltoppers, a singing group made up of current or former Western students (clockwise, from top) Jimmy Sacca, Seymour Spiegelman, Don McGuire and Billy Vaughn, recorded Vaughn's song "Trying," in Van Meter Auditorium. Released in 1952, it was one of the group's many hits.



Cornerstone ceremonies for McLean Hall, August 21, 1948. A copper box containing newspapers, a yearbook and a history of Western was sealed in the cornerstone.



In 1948, Western Kentucky State Teachers College changed its name to Western Kentucky State College. President Paul Garrett and Pat Amberson, Treasurer of the Class of '48, inspected the class's gift of a new name plate in front of Cherry Hall.



Completed in 1957, South Hall was renamed North Hall as the four "directional dorms" took shape.



A chemistry lab, about 1957.



Dedicated May 13, 1957 in conjunction with Western's 50th anniversary, the Pylon marked the 15th Street entrance to the campus.



A 1960s student trio moves into the dormitory.



Red towel-waving basketball coach E.A. Diddle finished his legendary career at Western in 1964 with a 759-302 record.



Three-time All-American Clem "the Gem" Haskins played basketball from 1964-67 and coached the Hilltoppers from 1980-86. He entered the record books on Jan. 30, 1965 with a 55-point game against Middle Tennessee.

1964



The brothers of Phi Kappa Alpha (now Kappa Sigma) posed in 1964 with their "spirit cannon," fired at football games after every Hilltopper touchdown.



By the mid-1960s, new dormitory construction had brought more students—and cars—to campus. Western adopted the current system of zoned parking lots in fall 1965, but did not begin charging a fee for parking permits until 1972.



In fall 1965, a new Centrex system brought telephones to every dormitory room. With the new service, dorm fees rose to an average of \$105 per semester.



Spring 1966 found these co-eds sunbathing in front of their dormitory.

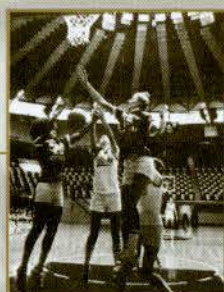


A bowling class in the Physical Education Department, about 1966.



In 1966, Western Kentucky State College achieved university status. The seal was updated to reflect the change.

1964



After a 40 year hiatus, women's intercollegiate basketball competition resumed early in 1974. Team members included Cecelia Dixon (left) and Leslie Cole (right).



President Dero Downing greeted new student Nancy Carl and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carl, during "Welcome to Western" festivities in August 1973. (Don Shively)



On May 10, 1971, faculty member and artist Chuck Crume completed this sketch of what would become Western's "red towel" logo. "This is our idea of what a 'Hilltopper' looks like," Crume wrote Coach John Oldham.



Several hundred Western students observed Vietnam Moratorium Day on Oct. 15, 1969. The rally at the Stadium and Colonnade featured speeches and songs of protest.



In 1969, Western's first computer lab opened in the Thompson Science Complex. (Seated, left) Leon Krantz; (standing, L-R) Dr. George Moore, Dr. Chester Davis.



Western granted its first Associate of Arts degrees in June 1964. This post-graduation ceremony photo dates to about 1967.



As this cartoon by Carl Clayworth in the March 22, 1974; College Heights Herald shows, "streaking" was in vogue on campus that spring.



1976 football players unite in song. Those pictured include Joe Easterling, Craig Beard, Greg Hines, Lonnie Hardin, Pat Gates and Jeff Alsop.



Opened in 1933 and located on the "Hub of the Hill" at the corner of College and 15th streets, the Goal Post restaurant was a popular student hangout until 1979, when Western purchased the property for development.



Remembering Dr. John Minton's observation that presidents have to "stick their necks out and have hard shells," the Board of Regents presented him with an onyx turtle in 1979 to mark the end of his term as Western's fifth president. (Ron Hoskins)



On Dec. 1, 1979, at a basketball game against Rollins College, Big Red emerged from a gift-wrapped box to be introduced as Western's new mascot. Creator Ralph Carey, a WKU senior, also played Big Red for the first year.



The 1981-82 College Heights Herald staff sang Christmas carols for President Donald Zacharias. (Todd Buchanan)

1981



In February 1982, agriculture students (L-R) Terrell Milby and Randy Shanks judged hogs at the Block and Bridle Club's Quadrathlon competition. (Bobby Roe)



Paul B. Cook served as Western's interim president from September 1985 to January 1986.



Western participated in a February 5, 1986 rally in Frankfort to support funding for higher education. (L-R) Regent Mary Ellen Miller, President Kern Alexander, Regents Patsy Judd and Joe Iracane. (Allen Hensley)



A ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opened Western's Glasgow Campus on Feb. 7, 1988. (L-R) Glasgow mayor Charles Honeycutt, President Kern Alexander. (Bob Skipper)



Introduced in 1989 and designed by journalism professor Gilbert Stengel, Western's new logo reflected President Thomas Meredith's desire for something "a little brighter, a little splashier, as a reflection of Western on the move."



PBS affiliate WKYU-TV, the only Kentucky television station to be operated by a university, went on the air on Jan. 17, 1989. (Bob Skipper)

1982



Completed in 2002 as his family's tribute to Robert Guthrie, a casualty of the Korean War, the Guthrie Bell Tower has become the focal point for ceremonies honoring all veterans.



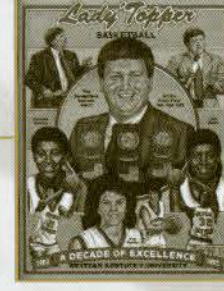
The Lady Toppers softball program began competition on Feb. 23, 2000. The team completed the season (which included a no-hitter thrown by Katie Swertfager) with a 32-25-1 record. (Sheryl Hagan-Booth)



Dr. Barbara G. Burch, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, served as interim president in 1997. (Sheryl Hagan-Booth)



Western engineering students built their first concrete canoe in 1993. Since then, the Concrete Canoe Team has excelled in regional and national competition. Pictured here is the 1996 canoe, "InSeine," winner of the Ohio Valley Regional Championship.



In 1992, sports artist Dayne Dudley commemorated Paul Sanderford's 10 seasons as Lady Topper head basketball coach. Through a total of 15 seasons, Sanderford would compile a 365-120 record.



On Nov. 20, 1991, President Thomas Meredith attended classes while junior Ryan James, the winner of the "President for a Day" raffle, presided over the University.



In March 2002, students camped out to be first in line to apply for rooms in renovated residence halls. (Sheryl Hagan-Booth)



On Dec. 20, 2002, Western won its first national team championship when the Hilltoppers defeated McNeese State 34-14 for the NCAA I-AA football title. (Joe Imel)



From 1998 to 2003, the number of international students attending Western jumped from 165 to over 500. Some of these students brought "exotic" pastimes such as cricket to the campus. (Andrew Henderson)



On Sept. 13, 2004, President Gary Ransdell took the helm of a bulldozer to break ground for a new 824-space parking structure between E.A. Diddle Arena and L.T. Smith Stadium. (Sheryl Hagan-Booth)



As coach of the men's swimming team from 1969-2005, Bill Powell had only one losing season. Powell also coached the Lady Toppers swim team, formed in 1997, to a 95-16-1 record.



Guided by program director Judy Woodring, Western's forensics team wrapped up 2005 with its sixth consecutive International Forensics Association Championship and its 15th consecutive Kentucky Forensic Association State Championship.

2006

One Century,

One Vision

Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry



In 1906, Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry saw his long-time dream realized with the formation of the Western Kentucky State Normal School. He envisioned an institution that would serve the needs of a growing community by offering greater educational opportunities to young people, not only in Bowling Green, but from all parts of Kentucky and across the country. A century on, we remain true to Dr. Cherry's vision, even as we grow to meet today's rapidly changing demands. The community we now serve extends beyond our state and region, and crosses boundaries of country and culture. Though our community has changed, our mission has not. We are the stewards of Dr. Cherry's vision, and we proudly share that vision with more people, in more places than even his daring imagination could have foreseen.

We have in place a strategic plan aimed at making Western Kentucky University "A leading American University with international reach." Those seven words now drive me and the many others who genuinely believe that this University is both poised and capable of achieving national prominence and incorporating an international context into the fabric of our curriculum and our influence. Those words do not suggest we will become "the" leading American university, nor do they suggest we will become internationally prominent. They do suggest we

will achieve enough national distinction in enough areas to be recognized among our nation's leading universities, and we will become engaged across the globe enough to document a legitimate international context in our teaching, research, and service.

We are making great strides toward a reputation of national prominence. In fact, some of our programs are already considered among the best in the nation. Our forensics team continues its reign of national and international dominance. The team once again swept all of the national and international debate competitions. During our Centennial year, we celebrated the continuing national prominence of our School of Journalism and Broadcasting, which finished fourth in the national rankings by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. Such sustained national prominence validates our drive to become a leading American university.

Another area of our burgeoning success on a national scale is our Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization. In only their second year of competing, they finished second in the national SIFE Entrepreneurship Competition, setting an excellent example for the rest of us as we more and more become an entrepreneurial-driven university. The innovation and confidence which under girds their entrepreneurial spirit would make Dr. Cherry proud.

A more concrete example of WKU as a University of national prominence is our civil engineering students, who finished eighth in the National Concrete Canoe competition. In six of the last seven years, the students in this program finished in the top 10 in the nation in this rigorous academic exercise, in which they competed against the most highly reputed engineering programs in America.

Just as Dr. Cherry hoped, WKU is attracting some of the best and brightest students from across the country. The quality of our faculty, the history and beauty of our campus, the improvements to our facilities and the reputation of our academic programs are making WKU the university of choice for an ever increasing number of students. This semester, we set our eighth consecutive semester of record enrollment.

The word about WKU's academic preeminence is spreading rapidly and spreading far. A key platform in our strategic plan is a priority for internationalizing the WKU Experience by recruiting a diversely rich student body and faculty. We have far surpassed our Strategic Plan goal of increasing international enrollment. The number of international students and faculty on the hill has increased, as has participation in Study Abroad programs. Global engagement is important to ensure that WKU students have meaningful interactions with other cultures,

other geographies, other religions, other beliefs, and other civilizations—past and present. WKU graduates must be informed, tolerant, intuitive and confident in matters relating to global business, science, arts, education and communication. Their personal and professional development will depend on it.

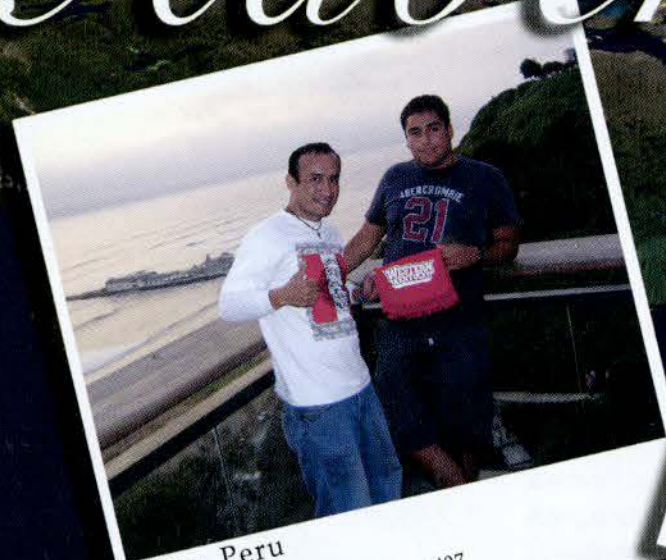
Dr. Cherry's vision for this institution was bold. Others of my predecessors, most notably Dr. Paul L. Garrett and Dr. Kelly Thompson shared that vision, understood its continuing relevance for their own times, and let that vision serve as the basis for their tenures on the Hill. It is no coincidence that those men presided over prosperous times in the history of the institution. Nothing so honors the legacy left to us by those great men as meeting the demands and challenges of our own time with the same fearless optimism that they displayed.

Citizenship, leadership, and engagement are the themes shaping our approach to educating students. In 100 years, those guiding principles have not changed. They are reliable beacons to guide us on the path set by Dr. Cherry, and they are the principles that will propel us forward to become a leading American university with international reach.

Dr. Gary Ransdell



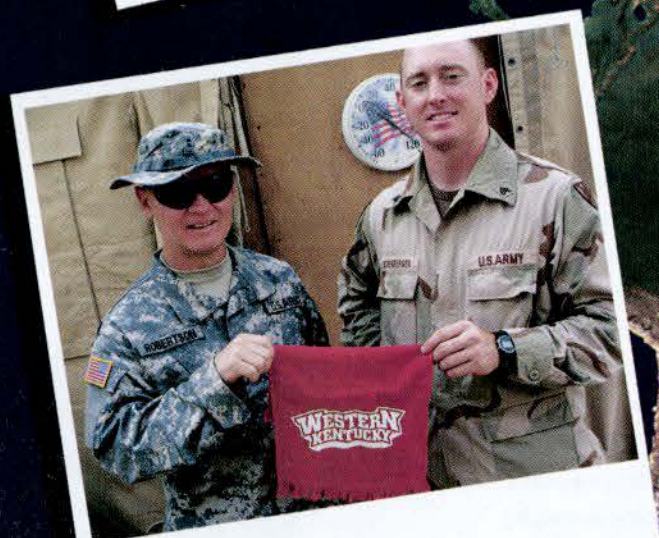
Adventures of the



Lima, Peru
January 2006
Jorge Iberico '04, Elio Pajares '07



Atlantic Ocean - Queen Mary 2
Spring 2006
Lee Dalglish '03



Kuwait
Summer 2006
William Robertson '80, JD Steenbergen '01

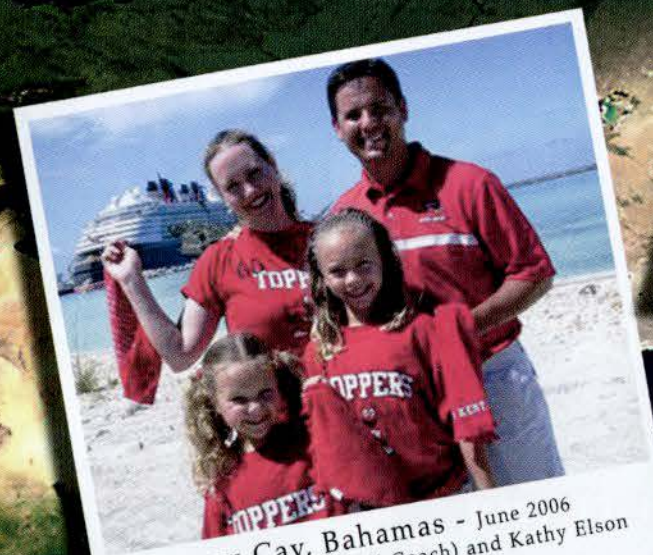


Colle Val d'Elsa, Italy
February 2006
Janet Salyers '79 and Husband Phil

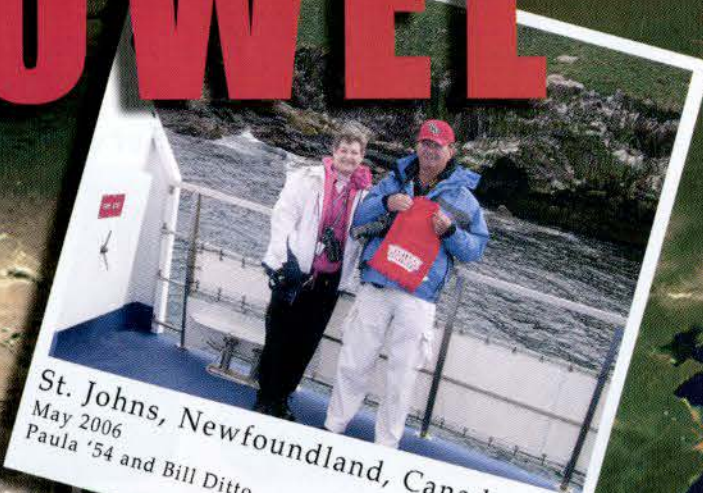


Cozumel, Mexico
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Glenn '02, Jennifer '06 Gittings

RED TOWEL



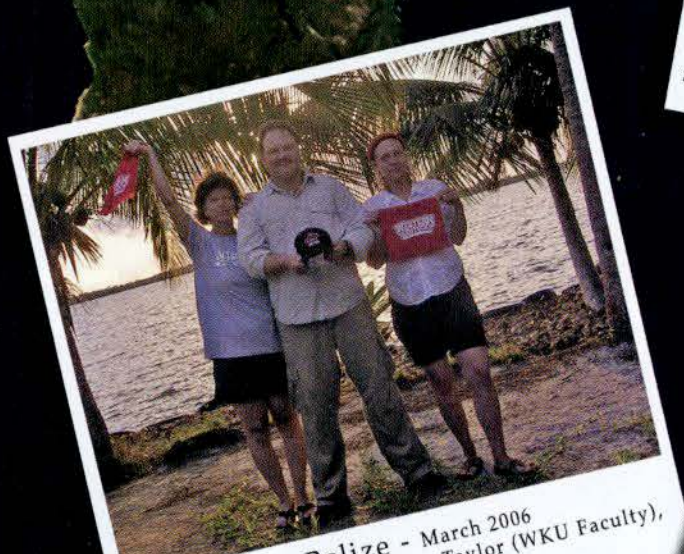
Castaway Cay, Bahamas - June 2006
David (WKU Head Football Coach) and Kathy Elson
with daughters Lauren and Jessica



St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada
May 2006
Paula '54 and Bill Ditto



Kiev, Ukraine
May 2006
Scott Wiggington '81



Gales Point, Belize - March 2006
Becky Tabor '78, '80, Dr. Richie Taylor (WKU Faculty),
and Dr. Sherry Jones (Grad Student)



Sandals Resort, Bahamas
August 2005
Jill Lawson '98, '03, Rhett Baird '00

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SUMMIT AWARDS 2006

Alumni Association

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Alumna of the Year Recipient



Dr. Gary Ransdell (left) and Donald Smith (right) present the Alumna of the Year award to Judith LaFlare (middle).

Distinguished Service Medal Recipients



Clarence Glover (left), Forrest Roberts (middle) and Jim Johnson (right).

Young Alumna of the Year Recipient



Dr. Gary Ransdell (left) and Donald Smith (right) present the Young Alumnus of the Year award to Melissa Hardin-Hans (middle).

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Fourth year
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Central Kentucky Alumni Chapter

Third year
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Eighth year
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Spirit of Distinction Chapters



Heartland Alumni Chapter

Third year
Chapter of Distinction



Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati Alumni Chapter

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Chapter of Distinction



Owensboro Alumni Chapter

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Warren County Alumni Chapter

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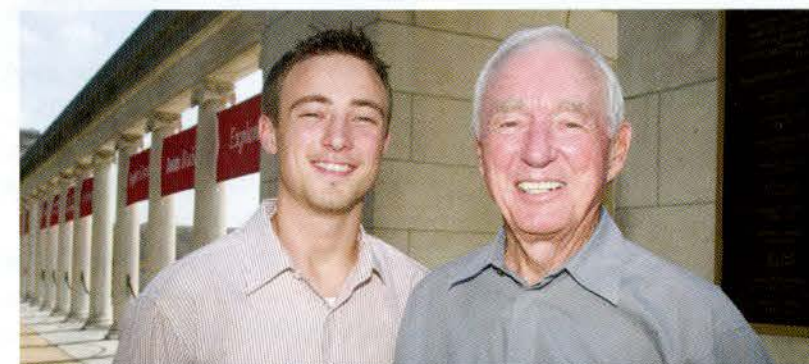
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Lee Robertson Scholarship

Lee Robertson, a '50 and '57 graduate, is a special assistant to the vice president of Institutional Advancement and a 2005 WKU Hall of Distinguished Alumni inductee. In his half-century of

service to WKU, Robertson has served as director of alumni relations, golf coach and director of the WKU-Glasgow Campus.

Each year, the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving honors Robertson by offering a \$500 scholarship to an incoming senior.



This year's Lee Robertson Scholarship winner is Joshua S. McCombs of Bowling Green, KY.

JUNE 6-7

Alumni College 2007

Did you enjoy living on campus and going to class? Relive your college days at Alumni College 2007.

JULY 13-14

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Plans are underway for the 2007 Business University Reunion for July 13-14. Mark your calendars and make plans to reminisce and relive your days at good 'ole BU.

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Everyone that ever attended College High is invited to attend.



Love Found At WKU

Did you meet at Master Plan?

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Did a friendship in biology class turn into the love of your life?

Or did you first dance together at the Talisman Ball to The Hilltoppers "P.S. I Love You?"

Did you purpose at the Kissing Bridge?

Did you met the love of your life at WKU and are still married to tell to tell the tale of your meeting? Tell us your WKU love story and we'll publish the best stories in WKU Spirit and on the alumni website. Winners will be contacted and we will plan a special date to rekindle the love at WKU.

Couple of things to keep in mind: Keep stories to 450 words and please keep the details to a 'PG' rating Both people need to be WKU alumni, married and met on "the Hill"

Please submit a photo of the couple, preferable a wedding picture or picture of the couple taken on campus and current picture of the couple. Photos will not be returned. Deadline to Submit stories is May 15, 2007. The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving reserves the right to edit any story submitted.

Classnotes

Class Notes is a feature which allows WKU sustaining alumni members to update fellow classmates on significant accomplishments that have happened in their lives. Sustaining alumni memberships are \$25 for an annual membership and \$500 for a lifetime membership. If you wish to join the Alumni Association or publish announcements in Class Notes, please submit them to WKU Alumni Association, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #31016, Bowling Green, KY, 42101-1016 or via e-mail to alumni@wku.edu.

1950s

W. Frank Cole ('50, '64) and his wife, Joanne, are the proud great-grandparents of Cooper Thomas Jackson, son of Emily and Michael Jackson. Emily is the daughter of **Dr. David ('74) and Deborah Stout.**

Drs. Jeff H. ('59) and Martha (Combs) Jenkins ('59) of Bowling Green, Ky., were recognized as faculty emeriti (professor of Biology and professor of Consumer and Family Sciences respectively) effective July 21, 2006. Martha and her daughter, Ann Beth Presley, were re-elected for two-year terms as secretary and board director respectively, of the Costume Society of America, Region IV. Mother and daughter also presented a joint research project at the annual symposium in Alexandria, Va. in August 2006.

1960s

Mike Meuth ('63) of Wauseon, Ohio, is employed by Grisier Roos Insurance. Additionally, he has authored a Life Plan Data Collection booklet to provide an organized way to store personal data. The data collected and recorded will be especially useful at the time of death of any family member.

Thomas L. Harned ('67) of Martinsville, Va., was named economic

department fellow at Virginia Tech University in September 2006. He will lead the annual Virginia Institute for Economic Development.

1970s



Marvin Lee ('70) of Belleville, Ill., was honored as a recipient of the Emerson

Electric Award of Excellence in Teaching. Emerson honors St. Louis area teachers each year for outstanding achievements in elementary through college teaching. Lee teaches sixth grade science at Whiteside Middle School in Belleville. She also will be recognized in the 2007 edition of Who's Who of American Women.

After 30 years on the bench, Justice **Martin E. Johnstone ('71)** retired from the Kentucky Court of Justice effective June 30, 2006. Justice Johnstone is the only judge in Kentucky history to have served at all four levels of the Kentucky court system. During his career, Justice Johnstone has served as Chief Judge of the Jefferson District Court, Chief Judge of the Jefferson Circuit Court, Chief Judge Pro Tem of the Kentucky Court of Appeals and, since 1998, as Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky.

Bill Napier ('71) of Bowling Green, Ky., is branch manager of the Franklin Bank & Trust location on Gary Farms Boulevard in Bowling Green.

John Stephen Daugherty ('72, '76, '81) of Nicholasville, Ky., retired June 1, 2006 after 34 years teaching with the Jessamine County School system.

Barry Barker ('73) of Tampa, Fla., transferred from his post at the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines, to be director of the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Veteran's Affairs Regional Office.

Dr. Teresa Spurling ('73, '79) of Campbellsville, Ky., received her Ph.D. in May 2006 from Capella University.

Dr. Richard Rink ('74) of Zionsville, Ind., tied for 26th on a list of the 100 best golfer doctors in Golf Digest magazine.



Marion Arthur Kirby ('77) of Houston, Texas, was voted Best Director for the A. D. Players 2005-2006 season opener "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie. His One-Act Christmas play, "Four Maps to Bethlehem," won First Place in Houston's Inspirational Writers Alive! 2005 Open Writing Competition.

Bruce Smith ('77) of Frankfort, Ky., retired after 25 years of public service in Kentucky state government. He still works part-time for the Kentucky General Assembly.

Brenton Lee Rich ('78) of Indianapolis, Ind., married Clare Stahl on July 14, 2006.

Joe Brandenburg ('79) of Richmond, Ind., is the executive director of university advancement at Indiana University East in Richmond

1980s



Ronda Harmon ('82) of Danville, Ky., was named executive director of the Kentucky Association of School Councils on July 1, 2006.

Col. Stevenson Reed ('82) of El Paso, Texas, took command of the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll in July 2006.



Ann Beth (Jenkins) Presley ('84) of Auburn, Ala., was elected to a four-year term on the national Phi Upsilon Omicron Educational Foundation Board of Directors. She was also elected to secretary-elect of the Faculty Senate at Auburn University where she is an associate professor and has taught for 14 years.

Kevin Cardwell ('85) and his wife, Karen, of Harrison, Tenn., celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary with a trip to Alaska in 2006.



Todd Shipp ('85) of Lizella, Ga., earned his doctorate degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Sarasota (Fla.). Dr. Shipp is a school administrator, and has served for three years on the WKU Alumni Association National Board of Directors.

Kristen (Reeder) Tucker ('85) of Evansville, Ind., accepted the bronze award for Best Cover at the 30th Annual City & Regional Magazine Association's conference. Tucker is publisher and editor of *Evansville Living*.

Clemette Haskins ('87) of Campbellsville, Ky., was inducted into the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame in October 2006.

Irene (Puckett) Motley ('87, '95) of Richmond, Va., is an advancement consultant for SunGuard Higher Education.

Jay Mallory ('89) of Louisville, Ky., was promoted to vice-president, regional sales manager of the Central Kentucky Region of OfficeWare.

1990s

Dr. Darlene (Romine) Eastridge ('90) of Campbellsville, Ky., was appointed dean of the Carver School of Social Work at Campbellsville University in June 2006.

Darryl Bridges ('91, '94) of Florence, S.C., was promoted to vice president of student affairs at Francis Marion University.

Lori (Willoughby) Corbett ('93) of Belmond, Maine, is proud to announce the birth of her daughter, Anna Reagan on July 25, 2006.

Alicia Gilbert ('93) of Phoenix, Ariz., works in the classified advertisement-recruitment department at The Arizona Republic.

Ryan R. Niemeier ('93) and his wife, Stephanie, of Olney, Ill., are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Grace, on June 11, 2006. She was 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and 23 inches long.



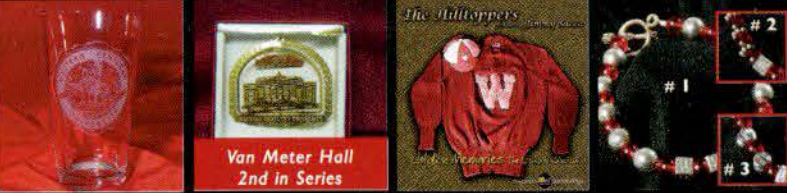
Rick Weber ('93) and his wife, Jennifer, of Noblesville, Ind., are proud to announce the birth of their son,

Samuel (Sam) Terrence on June 21, 2006. He was 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and 22 inches long.

Donnie Mather ('94) of Buffalo, Ky., created and starred in "A Show of Force," a play that was performed at the New York Fringe Festival and the Festival Manizlaes in Colombia, South America.



Stacey (Bell) Sawicki ('94) and her husband, Jason, of Johnson City, Tenn., traveled to China in May 2006 for two weeks with a team of 15 to assist in the opening of a new English language school.



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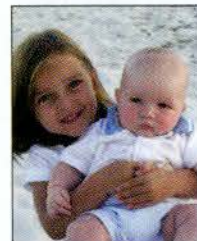
Jerry ('94) and Leigh (Johnson) Walling ('95) of Spring Hill, Tenn., are proud to announce the birth of their son, Korben Lee, on April

4, 2006. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces, and 20 inches long. He was welcomed by big sisters Karsyn, 7, and Cassidy, 4.

Scott Goad ('95) of Bowling Green, Ky., is territory manager of Kentucky for AGCO.

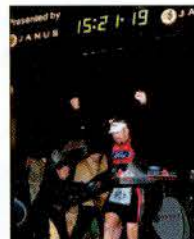
James Gregory ('95, '97) and Shanon D. (Willett) Simons ('96, '97) of Nashville, Tenn., were married May 20, 2006 in Bowling Green, Ky. The couple honeymooned in Italy.

Greg Edmonds ('96) of Lebanon, Ohio, competed in the Ironman Wisconsin in September 2006.



Rob ('96) and Melissa (Stephens) Strickland ('96) of Jonesboro, Ark., are proud to announce the birth

of their son, Samuel Bryce. He was born on May 30, 2006. Sam is pictured with his big sister, Grace Elizabeth.



Rebecca (McCaulley) Hutchison ('97) and her husband, Stacy, of Roanoke, Va. are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Reed Allyn. He was born on April 18, 2006, in Salem, Va., and weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces, and 19.25 inches long. His maternal grandparents and three great-grandparents are all WKU and/or BU graduates.

Jason Kron ('97) and his wife, Aspen, of Decatur, Ga., are proud to announce the birth of a boy,



Thornton Matthew. He was born Aug. 16, 2006, in Atlanta, Ga., and weighed 7 pounds and 8.6 ounces.

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John ('97, '01) and Kristi (Blair) Wright ('95, '99) of Elizabethtown, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter, Audrey Blair. She was born on Aug. 17, 2006 at 1:18 pm at Hardin Memorial Hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and 20 inches long.

Timothy Bischoff ('98) of Lexington, Ky., was named director of marketing for KET in August 2006.



Karissa (Shelton) Riter ('99, '00) and her husband, Jeremy, of Owensboro, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their son, Todd Wayne, on June 21, 2006. Karissa is a speech-language pathologist for Wendell Foster's Campus for Developmental Disabilities.

Olivia (Montgomery) Webb ('99) of Louisville, Ky., was promoted to lead consolidation accountant at Brown-Forman Corporation in July 2006.

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Mandy (Cherry) Lockhart ('00) and her husband, Salem, of Bowling Green, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Cash Allen. He was born on April 30, 2006, in Bowling Green at The Medical Center, and weighed 9 pounds and 14 ounces. Cash has three older brothers; Kane, 12, Skyler, 4, and Linkin, 2.

Terry ('01) and Sarah (Talbot) ('01) Ackerman of Orlando, Fla., were married May 6, 2006, at Tulip Street United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

David ('01) and Lori (Wellman) Denton ('99) of Frankfort, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Grace, on March 23, 2006. She was 7 pounds and 12 ounces.



Brian R. Vincent ('01) of Portsmouth, Va., graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with a doctor of Osteopathic Medicine on May 27, 2006. He will be interning at Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth.



Brenton Ditto ('02) of Louisville, Ky., accepted a position at PNC Bank in Louisville with the Private Client Group in September 2006.

Kristi Ditto ('02) of Louisville, Ky., accepted the assistant controller position at PBI Bank in Louisville in April 2006.



Corey ('02) and Andrea (Glass) Haynes ('00) of Glasgow, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Elleri Mercer. She was born on April 14, 2006, and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and 20 inches long

Amanda (Curtis) Hutchison ('02) of Florence, Ky., was promoted to construction administration coordinator from administrative assistant at Fischer Homes in Crestview Hills, Ky.

Alison Sexton ('02) and her husband, Mark, of Bowling Green, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ann-Riley. She was born April 1, 2006 and weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and 19 inches long.

Deidre M. Bowen ('03) of Alvaton, Ky., graduated from the University of Kentucky Law School in May 2006.

Candice Johnson ('03) of Louisville, Ky., is an educational talent search youth counselor at Kentuckiana College Access Center in Louisville. She was employed at AAA as public affairs representative.



Tim ('03) and Rebecca (Bean) Rink ('02) of Owensboro, Ky., were married on June 17, 2006, at

Louisville Glassworks. Tim is a GIS specialist with Texas Gas in Owensboro and Rebecca is a business teacher at Owensboro High School.

Robert ('03) and Crystal (Hodges) Rowland ('05) of Bowling Green, Ky., were married on May 20, 2006, at the Rabbit Flat General Baptist Church in Caneyville, Ky.





in Bowling Green, Ky. They have one son, Austin Nolan, who was born June 9, 2006.

Heather (Tyree) Nicklies ('04)

and her husband, Matthew, of Bowling Green, Ky., were married



on June 17, 2006 in Faith United Methodist Church. Heather is an accounting associate for the WKU University Bookstore.

Matthew ('04) and Jamie (Flaim) Rhoads ('03, '05) of Owensboro, Ky., were married Aug. 5, 2006, at The RiverPark Center in Owensboro. Both of the Rhoadses work for the Green River Area Development District, where Jamie is an employment specialist, and Michael is a housing planner.

J.D. Worley ('04) of Hoboken, N.J., is one of the most successful owners in the PostNet franchise, posting the highest sales in the company in October 2005, which was only his fourth month in business in Manhattan, N.Y.

Ashley (Zachary) Durbin ('05) of Madisonville, Ky., married Tim Durbin on May 20, 2006. Ashley is a first grade teacher at Jesse Stuart Elementary in Madisonville, and Tim is a RN at Regional Medical Center in Madisonville.

Stephen C. ('03) and Amanda B. (Pirtle) Walker ('03)

of Gallatin, Tenn., were married June 19, 2004,

WKYU-PBS' DEEB WINS EMMY AWARD



WKYU-PBS Public Affairs Producer and Host Barbara Deeb received a television Emmy at the 42nd Annual Midwestern Regional Emmy Awards in Belterra, Indiana. Deeb was awarded the honor for her talents as host of the weekly PBS program OUTLOOK with Barbara Deeb.

Deeb has hosted OUTLOOK on WKYU-PBS for 17 years, making it the longest-running weekly public affairs television program in southcentral Kentucky.



Laura Emberton Owens ('80,'87)

Education Cabinet Secretary Laura Emberton Owens earned her BA in Communication and English from WKU in 1980 and her MA in Communication from WKU in 1987.

Before joining state government, Owens was a high school teacher in Bowling Green and Glasgow and later served as curriculum coordinator and instructional specialist for the Barren County School District. She was also a part time instructor at WKU, a freelance leadership training consultant and writer for various publications. In 2002 she was appointed by President

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George W. Bush to serve on the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars. She also served as an elected member of the Glasgow City Council from 2003 to 2004.

Secretary Owens is the chief education policy advisor to the Governor and coordinates nine state agencies including the Kentucky Department of Education, the Education Professional Standards Board and the Council on Postsecondary Education.

"My involvement in Panhellenic activities at WKU promoted leadership skills and nurtured both community and philanthropic interests," Owens said. "Working everyday to improve education in Kentucky, I often pull from my own experiences. I was fortunate to have had a number of classroom and college instructors who promoted high academic expectations," she said.

Owens said she lives by the WKU motto "The Spirit Makes the Master" and proudly displays her red towel in her office to remind her of her WKU experience.

In Memoriam

In memory, we pay tribute to all members of the WKU family who have passed away.

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Carroll Knicely, a former WKU regent and owner of the Glasgow Daily Times, passed away on Nov. 2, 2006. Knicely and his wife, Evelyn, were avid supporters of WKU, and the Carroll Knicely Conference Center is named in his honor.

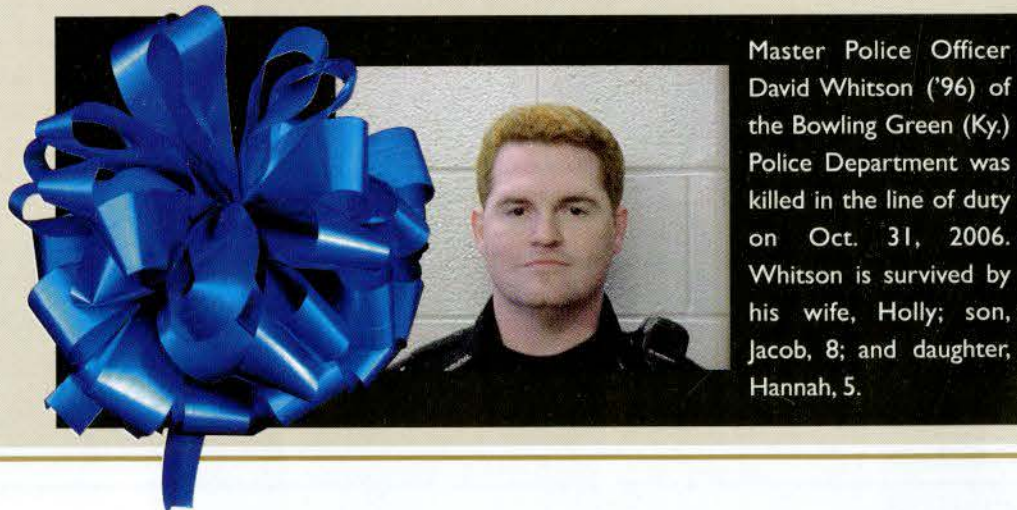
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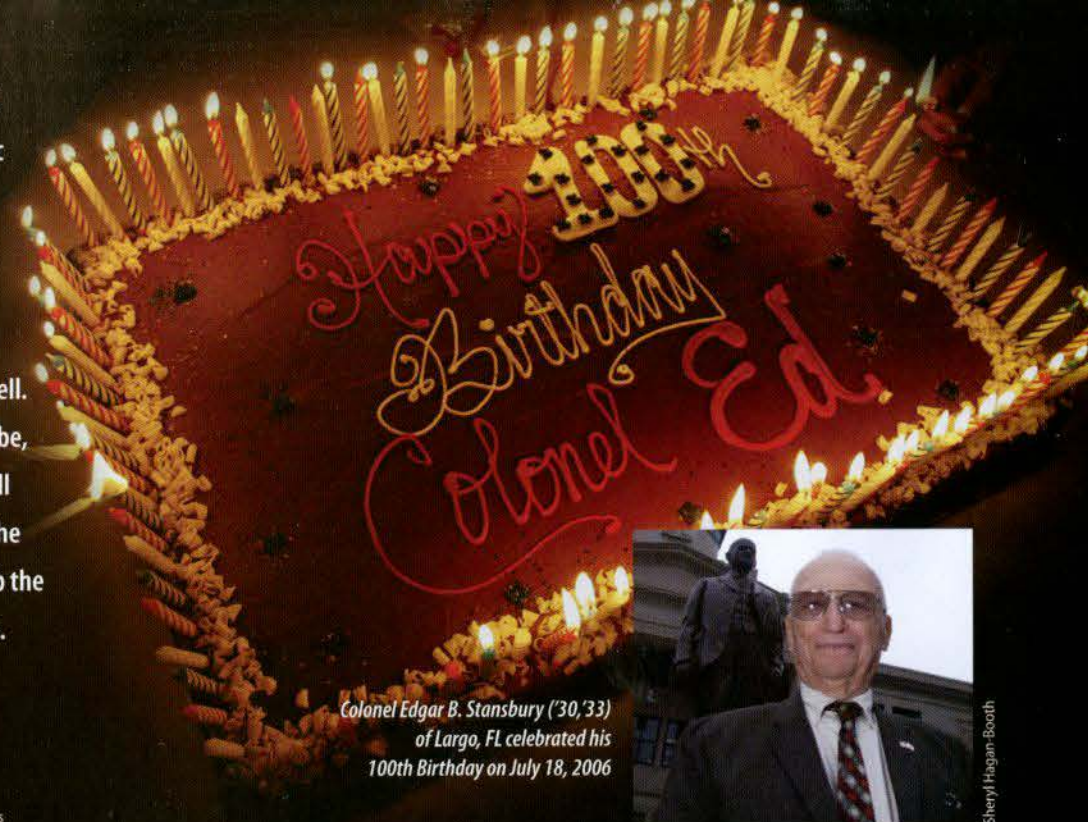
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Master Police Officer David Whitson ('96) of the Bowling Green (Ky.) Police Department was killed in the line of duty on Oct. 31, 2006. Whitson is survived by his wife, Holly; son, Jacob, 8; and daughter, Hannah, 5.

Both Western Kentucky University and Colonel Ed Stansbury know that drastic changes have occurred in the past 100 years, but that one thing remains constant: "It's All About the Spirit!" Celebrating a "Century of Spirit" and excellence is something each knows well. From the 75,000 alumni across the globe, to the close to 19,000 students who call themselves Hilltoppers today, and to the future students who will one day climb the Hill, the WKU Spirit continues to thrive. Show your Spirit by joining the WKU Alumni Association TODAY!



Colonel Edgar B. Stansbury ('30, '33) of Largo, FL celebrated his 100th Birthday on July 18, 2006

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